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## MAKES SCENTS TO FANS

**Adam Levine, lead singer of L.A.-based neo-soul rockers Maroon 5, gets into his Moves Like Jagger groove during a performance at the ACC Tuesday. Levine, who once tweeted that celebrity scents should be banned, was in town this week promoting his own Adam Levine Signature Fragrance Collection for Shoppers Drug Mart. "As a genre, do I love celebrity fragrances? No, of course not, but I think if I was to do one, which I did, mine would be good. So, yes, I did it and I'm proud of it and I love it. I'm wearing it now," Levine told Torstar News Service.** TOM PANDI/FOR METRO

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# NDP support comes with a few caveats

**Throne speech 'vague'.** But Andrea Horwath says she will work with the Liberals — for now

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The fate of Kathleen Wynne's Liberal government rests in NDP Leader Andrea Horwath's hands, after PC Leader Tim Hudak announced his party will not support the throne speech and is calling for an election.

Lt.-Gov. David Onley read the Liberal government's speech from the throne on Tuesday. As promised, it included ideas from both the NDP and the PCs.

Horwath said the speech was "vague in the extreme" but her party would support the government long enough to see her legislative demands included in the upcoming budget.

Hudak said he will not support the throne speech or the Liberal government in general.

"Premier Wynne appears to have chosen to entrench the (Dalton) McGuinty agenda that led Ontario to the biggest jobs and debt crisis of our lifetime. The only way to end our jobs and debt crisis ... to change the direction of the province, is to change the team that leads it," Hudak said.

Horwath, on the other hand, has a list of demands. "We need to see an investment in jobs for young people, not more conversations. We need to see this premier close corporate tax loopholes, not pay lip service to the idea. We need to see a timeline to implement a home-care guarantee," she said.

The throne speech referred to each of those ideas. It promised the government would co-operate with the education sector to establish internships for young people, "evaluate corporate tax compliance," and expand home care.

Horwath also said she doesn't want to see the government "make life less affordable through road tolls." One of Wynne's priorities is to create a revenue stream for transit, which would likely be congestion taxes or road tolls. Horwath did not say road tolls would be a deal-breaker.

Both agree on implementing the recommendations of the Auto Insurance Anti-Fraud Task Force, which is meant to protect people from fraud and reduce insurance rates. But Horwath would like to see insurance rates fall immediately.

"If the government puts together a budget that does not ... take action on the items that through consultation with Ontarians we've come up with as their priorities, then (an election) is where we're going to end up," Horwath said.

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## Revised shark-fin ban proposed

Two Toronto councillors who convinced colleagues to pass a sweeping ban on the possession and sale of shark-fin products are now urging them not to challenge a ruling that quashed the ban.

Instead, in a joint letter to fellow councillors, Glenn De Baeremaeker and Kristyn Wong-Tam argue the city should go back to the drawing board and craft a narrower ban that will survive the inevitable court challenge.

They hope that by April, city staff can draft a replacement bylaw that would not outlaw possession but still forbid restaurants and banquet halls from serving the delicacy and stores from selling it. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Yorkville

## Condo residents in limbo after fire

When residents of a Yorkville condominium were forced to evacuate their building during an early-morning fire, they thought their luck couldn't get any worse.

Condo resident Mark Hazen
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But three weeks later, their emergency assistance has been cut off and they still don't know when they'll get to go home.

The more than 100 residents of 914 Yonge St. have been living in hotels ever since a fire broke out in the electrical room on Jan. 30, and they just learned they won't be allowed back for at least another eight weeks.

Residents have been allowed to go back into their units to retrieve belongings. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Ex-medical officer of health denies sexually abusing boys

**Dr. John Owen Slingerland, 91, is seen leaving the Newmarket court Tuesday with friends and family attempting to shield him. The former York Region medical officer of health is accused of sexually abusing young boys as far back as 50 years ago. Slingerland denied the charges before Justice Anne Mullin in Superior Court. Using a hearing enhancer over his hearing aid, Slingerland listened to the son of his former best friend accuse him of eight years of repeated sexual abuse. Slingerland, who retired in 1988, has been free on bail since his arrest in 2010. The trial before the judge alone continues.**

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# New hiring rule hinders teacher diversity: Officials

**Regulation 274.**
Emphasis placed on applicants with greatest seniority

**More men, minorities wanted**

- The new hiring rules come as many school boards are looking to increase diversity among their teaching ranks, including the Peel, York and Toronto public boards.
- The Toronto District School Board is in part looking to boost the number of men and visible minorities and encourages them to apply for supply teaching gigs, given the regulation limits the board's ability to request the same for full-time jobs, said spokesperson Ryan Bird.

A new provincial regulation that forces school boards to hire from among the five most senior applicants hampers any effort to improve the diversity of teaching staff — and it means principals won't necessarily be able to bring in the best person for the job, says the president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association.

"The desire for school boards to be able to ensure teaching staff reflect their respective communities can be trumped by Regulation 274," said Michael Barrett, who is also an Oshawa trustee for the Durham District School Board.

"Seniority trumps the best teacher for the job, and also if that teacher reflects the community."

The regulation for public boards, which was first bargained into collective agreements with the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association as a way to end what it considered unfair hiring practices — namely, nepotism — means principals must interview and hire from a group of five qualified teachers at the very top of the seniority list.

Barrett said that, while he would support an improved and more open hiring process, "you don't put something into (the) process where the cure is worse than the symptoms."

School administrators look for applicants who have "knowledge of the kids, who are a good fit, who have knowledge of the school and of the parents in the community," said Ken Arnott, president of the Ontario Principals' Council, adding that won't always happen with the new rules.

Principal Simon Storey, chair of the Toronto Supervisory Administrators' Association, isn't sure what will happen if principals interview the five most senior applicants and don't feel any are right for the job.

"I don't know how it's going to unfold," he said, adding the issue will come to the forefront in the coming weeks given teacher hiring and transfers will be in the works.

"(This is) very different than what we've done in the past." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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# Jarvis Montaque's pastor laments another life lost to gun crime

## 'Why, why, why?'
Teen was the shooter's target, police say

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"Why, why, why?" asked Jarvis Montaque's pastor. "Why are our children being killed?"

"Why, why, why? A child should not die by gun … where the finger on the trigger was another child. Why? They should not die. Something is dramatically wrong that we need to address."

Al Bowen, pastor of Abundant Life Assembly, spoke at a police press conference on Tuesday, aimed at getting witnesses who know anything about the shooting that killed 15-year-old Jarvis Montaque.

Bowen knew Montaque for a year and a half, since the teen began volunteering at a day camp. He recalled Montaque helping him pick flowers in a greenhouse, where the temperature felt like 40 C. Of all the volunteers, Jarvis was the only one who didn't let the heat slow him down. "He was a workhorse."

**Quoted**

**"Jarvis was taken from us for no reason at all. The community needs to know he was never a bad person and the person who killed him, killed him because he could."**

Excerpt from a letter written by one of Jarvis Montaque's sisters

Police say Montaque was a good kid who had no trouble with the law.

"We want to implore the almighty God, the God of all humans on this Earth. He gives us wisdom and determination, not to let another victim just be a statistic," said Bowen.

Saturday night at the Abundant Life Assembly there will be a youth night that will include a memorial for Montaque.

Montaque was the only brother to 10 sisters, one of whom wrote a letter addressed to the public, about her brother.

"She wanted you to know that her brother Jarvis was a quiet, kind and loving and hardworking person," said Det. Joyce Shertzer.

The sister said Montaque rarely went outside, and when he did, he asked permission first.

"Jarvis has been here in Canada for two years, from Jamaica, and he came here for a better opportunity. He attended church every Sunday and his favourite thing was music and dancing," reads the letter.

Police are turning to Montaque's school, Father Henry Carr, to find a motive in his slaying because, while they believe he was the intended target, they don't think he was involved in crime.

"The shooter was 10 to 12 feet away from Jarvis at the time of the shooting, and there were other individuals in the vicinity who could have been targeted or shot after Jarvis was shot, so I'm going to suggest Jarvis was the target," said Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux.

Pastor Al Bowen talks to the media during a presser Tuesday at 23 Division about the investigation into the murder of 15-year-old Jarvis Montaque, who was shot by a single bullet on Feb. 17. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The people who were with Jarvis when he was shot outside of his townhouse on Sunday are co-operating with police, but that hasn't uncovered a motive, police say.

Police are asking anyone who has any information about who shot Montaque, or why, to come forward, no matter how minor their information may seem.

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# The Queen's (Park) Speech

**How to Wynne friends.**
Throne speech offers vague outline of 'fair society,' including job creation and public consultations

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Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne offered a speech from the throne that may keep her in power until the budget is unveiled, but it lacked details, critics charge.

Wynne, elected by her party less than a month ago, had promised the speech would include ideas from both opposition parties.

She offered an outline for what she calls "a fair society," which will need to be filled in before the spring budget.

"Your government will balance its books. It will also challenge the people of Ontario to help the province innovate and grow," said Lt.-Gov. David Onley, reading the speech. "And yes, your government will strive for economic prosperity. It will also encourage a fair society, where all the people of Ontario have good jobs and strong communities. And where each and every one of us is safe, and healthy and cared for."

Both opposition leaders weighed in, but only the NDP will support the speech at Wednesday's confidence vote.

### Debt

"Your new government will restrain program spending to reduce Ontario's debt-to-GDP ratio, while recommitting itself to eliminating the deficit by 2017-2018," the speech read. "And after that, it will restrict overall spending increases to one per cent below GDP growth until the province's debt-to-GDP ratio returns to the pre-recession level of 27 per cent."

### Taxes

In a nod to the NDP, the speech promised the government will "evaluate corporate tax compliance" and at the same time, in a nod to provincial PC Leader Tim Hudak, promised to explore a tax break by raising the exemption threshold of the Employer Health Tax.

### Jobs and the economy

The speech committed to helping bring more new Canadians, young people, people with disabilities and Aboriginal Peoples into the workforce. The plans will also include working with the education sector to create internships for young people.

Premier Kathleen Wynne chats with minister of Finance Charles Sousa following the reading of the throne speech at Queen's Park Tuesday afternoon. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wynne said job creation will be aided by other measures to boost the economy, including efforts to strengthen global trade and a promise to spend $50 million on a new $300-million venture capital fund, along with the federal government and private sector.

### Teacher strife

The speech promised "respect for teachers, support staff, principals and school boards." After the speech, leader of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation Ken Coran, and leader of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario Sam Hammond, said they were optimistic, but would wait to continue talks with the government before making any promises.

### Transit

"To build these things and facilitate Ontario's success, your government believes that smart infrastructure investment can no longer be mired in political rhetoric. Just as the hard-working men and women of this province can no longer afford to waste their time stuck in traffic," Onley read in the speech. The speech did not mention revenue tools to fund transit in the GTA — such as road tolls or congestion taxes — but that is one of Wynne's priorities, she said in a press conference afterwards.

### Energy, public consultation

The speech promised "dependable, affordable sources of energy" and to continue to end coal-fired energy generation. It also promised better consultation with communities, with a special mention to communities that have objected to wind-turbine projects. "Local populations (will be) involved from the beginning if there is going to be a gas plant or a casino or a wind plant or a quarry in their hometown."

### Gas plants controversy

The speech promised the government "will work with all parties in the legislature to review the decisions to relocate energy infrastructure in this province." Wynne has asked the auditor general to investigate both cancelled gas plants and offered to appear before a select committee to answer questions about the scandal. However, Hudak will be asking to renew the contempt motion against former energy minister Chris Bentley, which tied up the legislature prior to prorogation.

### Mental health

"Your government will also continue to expand access to mental health services and support efforts to reduce stigma for men and women coping with mental illness. It will work with partners in all related sectors to co-ordinate the best response to these challenges because Ontario's minds and spirits must be healthy, too," Onley read.

# Mammoliti indebted since developer loan: Records

The prominent city councillor who received $275,000 in loans from a developer and another businessman has experienced financial difficulties, public records suggest.

Though the loans Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti took are not illegal, councillors of all political stripes have criticized him for accepting money from people who have had business before council. His financial situation may help explain why he decided to turn to non-traditional lenders, at least one of whom charged a high interest rate.

In a divorce filing in May of last year, Mammoliti reported $175,000 in annual spending, $70,000 more than his annual income. He also reported $1,044,513 in debts compared with $515,500 in assets.

Mammoliti declared bankruptcy in 1997, listing $291,041 in liabilities to $8,496 in assets. He was elected to council in 1995, the same year he completed his single term as an NDP MPP. MPPs then made $56,378. Councillors now make $102,608.

**Collateral damage**

**Mammoliti's financial records are only public because of his divorce.**

Mammoliti's finances came under scrutiny when it emerged last week that he had arranged $275,000 in loans through two people, developer Mac Champsee and realtor and property owner Ralph Nardi, whose applications for lucrative billboards he had supported at council meetings.

Asked Friday whether he has financial problems, Mammoliti responded only, "Leave my family alone." He described the loans as a "personal" issue unrelated to his public position.

Many of the debts may now be paid off. In August 2012, he and his wife sold their two rental properties and in a July agreement outlined in their divorce file, they said they would direct the proceeds to various debts. Both Champsee's daughter and Mammoliti say the loan has been repaid in full.

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Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti, left, and Mayor Rob Ford at a council meeting in November 2012. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

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# Campbell gets down to it with DeGeneres

Hélène Campbell, left, dances with Ellen DeGeneres on her talk show on Monday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Breathing new life.**
## Organ-donation crusader takes TV show host up on offer

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She jumped up and down as if she was a contestant on The Price is Right and with a new set of lungs, Ottawa's Hélène Campbell must have felt like a million bucks when she danced her way to the hot seat next to Ellen DeGeneres.

The broadcast of Campbell's interview with DeGeneres aired Tuesday morning following a taping in Burbank, Calif., on Monday.

The 21-year-old organ-donation crusader, who started an explosive organ-donation awareness campaign on Twitter while she waited for a new pair of lungs, first chatted with DeGeneres via Skype last February from her residence in Toronto.

Then, in May — just seven weeks after her double-lung transplant surgery on Good Friday — Campbell appeared a second time on DeGeneres' show via Skype and was invited to appear in person when given the OK from her doctors.

That day finally came and she got just over five minutes of one-on-one time with DeGeneres, who is an organ donor, as some of Campbell's family members sat in the audience.

"I'm feeling great. I can't believe I'm here," said Campbell, catching her breath after coming on stage to Justin Bieber's song Baby.

The Biebs himself didn't make an appearance on the show, but his underwear certainly did. Campbell brought a pair of his Ellen boxers, which he gave to Campbell when the two met last year.

DeGeneres said she will sign the underwear, have Bieber sign them also, and auction them off.

**Give to Live**

**Hélène Campbell is working on a new foundation called the Give to Live Campaign.**

- The campaign will support transplant research and families who are affected by organ transplants.

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**Energy**

## Toronto Hydro pitches $272M transformer project

A $272-million transformer project is needed in downtown Toronto to forestall the possibility of a months-long outage that would "impair the image of Toronto as a leading urban centre," says Toronto Hydro.

But skeptics at an Ontario Energy Board hearing that opened Tuesday are questioning whether the company has justified the need for the expensive project. The hearing continues Wednesday.

Toronto Hydro says a new $195-million transformer station is needed on Bremner Boulevard, near the Rogers Centre, to serve both immediate needs and allow for growth in the city core. An additional $77 million would be spent by 2030 to support the new station.

The energy board must approve the project before Toronto Hydro can build it.

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## Keeping polar bears cool

Blessed Cardinal Newman students show their polar bear pride Tuesday at the arctic home installation at the Toronto Eaton Centre. The Coca-Cola Arctic Home demonstrates how climate change affects polar bears and features a large-scale reproduction of an Inuit sculpture of a mother and her cub. For every pledge made, the temperature inside the installation will decrease, keeping the ice frozen and the climate ideal for polar bears. CONTRIBUTED

# Airport heist nets $50M worth of diamonds

**Brussels.** Armed men rob Swiss passenger plane in operation lasting barely five minutes, according to prosecutor's office

Eight masked gunmen forced their way through the security fence at Brussels' international airport, drove onto the tarmac and snatched some $50 million worth of diamonds from the hold of a Swiss-bound plane without firing a shot.

The gang responsible for one of the biggest diamond heists in recent years used two black vehicles with flashing blue police lights in their daring raid late Monday, said Anja Bijnens, spokeswoman for the Brussels prosecutor's office.

"They tried to pass themselves off as police officers," Bijnens said Tuesday. The robbers, who wore outfits resembling dark police clothing, got away with 120 parcels, mostly containing diamonds but some also holding precious metals.

**Trip takes detour**

**Monday's parcels contained rough and polished stones heading for Switzerland, where many of the 120 parcels were intended for different handlers.**

Police said they found a burnt-out minivan believed to be involved in the robbery near the airport later Monday night.

The heist was estimated at some $50 million in diamonds, said Caroline De Wolf of the Antwerp World Diamond Center. "What we are talking about is obviously a gigantic sum," De Wolf said.

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A file photo of the entrance of the Harry Winston jewelry store near the Champs-Elysees in Paris, where in 2008 armed thieves made away with an $85-million haul. A similarly brazen heist at a Brussels airport Tuesday saw eight gunmen net $50 million in diamonds. FRANCOIS MORI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE


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# Toxic milk? Health scare engulfs the Balkans after official posts test results

Reports that milk in the Balkans has been contaminated by a cancer-causing toxin have triggered a major health scare, with authorities on Tuesday appealing for calm before official tests are conclusive.

Most health officials in the region are insisting that the milk is safe and that even higher levels of aflatoxins are not harmful in small amounts. But a warning by a regional official has fuelled doubts about the official line, suspicions fed by the region's widespread corruption and the cosy ties between politicians and industry.

Senior Serbian agriculture official Goran Jesic claimed on his personal website that out of 35 tested milk samples in Serbia, 29 had higher levels of aflatoxins than allowed. He published a list of various brands of milk with high levels, saying the government was keeping them secret.

"If you ask me whether to buy milk, the answer is 'no,'" Jesic, the official in charge of Serbia's breadbasket region of Vojvodina, told a media conference. "I can't say why the state was hiding them (the sample results); the state is to blame for this. This is not a political, but a security issue."

A bartender pours milk in Belgrade, Serbia, Tuesday. Reports of a cancer-causing toxin in milk have triggered a major health scare in the Balkans. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A low dose of aflatoxin, linked to mildewed cattle feed, is not considered harmful, but high doses are linked to cancer, especially of the liver. The Balkans experienced an extremely dry summer last year, which affected crops, and provided conditions for the poisonous mould to grow, mostly in corn that is used as animal feed.

Serbia's National Consumers' Association said that 17 kinds of milk had been tested, and in 13 the toxin levels were on the upper limits, but not exceeding them.

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**Court date in April**

## Teens face charges in deaths of seals found in P.E.I.

Police have arrested three teenage boys as suspects in an investigation that was launched after about 50 dead seals were found last month on a beach in Prince Edward Island.

The RCMP says the boys, aged 15, 17 and 18, have been released into the custody of their parents until they appear in court on April 11.

The Mounties say they have not been charged yet but will face charges of causing unnecessary suffering to animals.

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**Kidnapping case**

## Eight arrested in murder of Russian councilman

Russian investigators have now arrested eight people in the case of a city councilman found dead in a cement barrel, allegedly after he owed $80 million in a business deal gone awry.

The Investigative Committee said Tuesday it arrested one man suspected in the murder-kidnapping of Mikhail Pakhomov and another accused of a related theft. The 37-year-old councilman in Lipetsk, 350 kilometres south of Moscow, disappeared last week after three men forced him into a car. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# M&M'S® SPOKES CANDIES CALL IT QUITS!

## Red and Yellow shock fans with resignation letter.

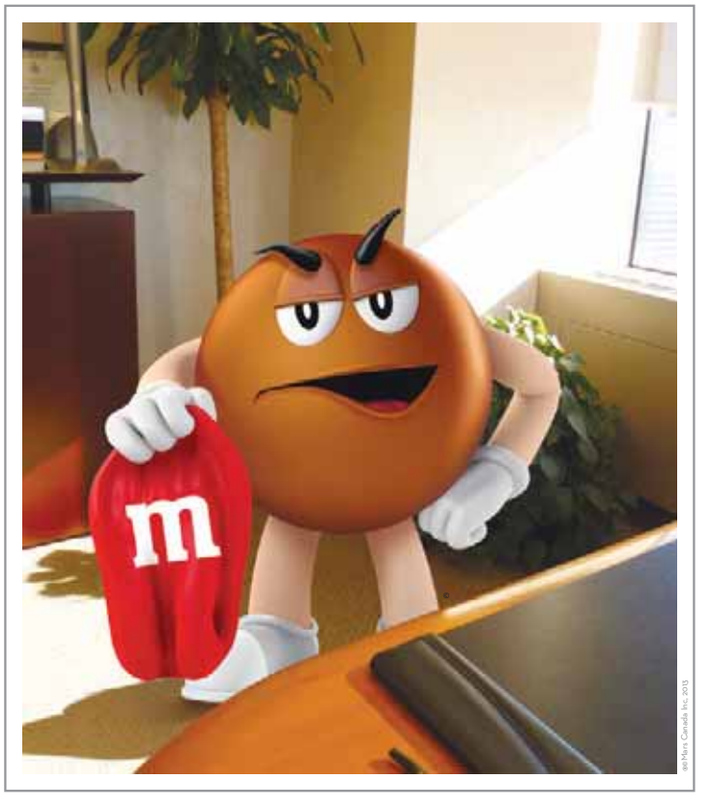
Milk chocolate lovers across the country today are mourning the loss of *M&M'S* iconic spokes candies Red and Yellow, following Tuesday's public announcement that they are hanging up their '*M*'s' and parting ways with the *M&M'S* team immediately to avoid being eaten.

"Those two have been with us for almost 60 years, so it came as a real shock" said *M&M'S* Chief Chocolate Officer Ms Brown, following the leak of Red and Yellow's resignation letter to the press on Friday. "But don't forget – the rest of us *M&M'S* spokes candies deal with the same problem everyday. Worse, I always get people smirking at me because they think I'm naked!" she continued.

The rant-filled resignation letter – which can be read in its entirety on facebook.com/mmscanada and on twitter @mmscanada – is quite abrasive and aggressive, complicating the possibility of any reconciliation. In their letter, the former spokes candies cite their daily fear of being eaten, among other things, as the main reason for resigning – going so far as to blame Canadians for their untamed love of milk chocolate.

Most *M&M'S* fans have been reacting to their departure with disappointment. "I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them" says Craig Brandon, longtime *M&M'S* fan. Others are angry. "What the heck! This is how you thank your fans?" complains Jennifer Machey. And meanwhile, some people seemed confused. "Does this mean they're hiring? My grandson needs a summer job" said a man by the name of 'Bugsy'. As for the other *M&M'S* spokes candies – they wouldn't return our calls.

The departure of Red and Yellow as the mascots of the *M&M'S* brand has sparked speculation as to who will take over leading the corporate image. When asked if the company plans to promote from within or hire outside to fill the role of Red and Yellow, a company PR agent responded,




**"I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them."**

**Says Craig Brandon, longtime M&M's fan.**

"You have to understand the position we're in now. Red and Yellow broke the mold. It's going to be very hard to fill their shoes, and that's not candy-coating it." Reactions on twitter have linked to leaked images of potential mascots sporting colours like Maroon and Sea Foam. The PR agent would not comment on the leaked images at this time.

Red and Yellow have since been spotted roaming around without their iconic '*M*' emblazoned candy shells on.

Perhaps it hasn't yet dawned on them that they are now naked. Whatever the case may be, one thing is for certain – the former *M&M'S* mascots have achieved celebrity status over the years and will surely be missed. Keep following this breaking news story as it unfolds at facebook.com/mmscanada and @mmscanada on twitter.

Brantford

## StatsCan worker trashes hotel room

Broken furniture. Stained carpets. Ink-smeared bed sheets. Damaged wallpaper.

Newly released documents show one census taker's wild party left Statistics Canada with a hefty bill for her trashed hotel room.

Eight enumerators rolled into Brantford in July 2011 and checked into the Hampton Inn and Suites.

One room was trashed. The total bill came to nearly $6,000. Statistics Canada settled for $4,000.

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Climate change

## Tory carbon policy a mess: Report

The Conservative decision to go with complex, sector-by-sector regulation of emissions while provinces experiment with market-driven policies, such as cap-and-trade systems and carbon taxes, makes for a confusing and possibly expensive patchwork, said a report released Tuesday by the International Institute for Sustainable Development. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Pistorius says he mistook his girlfriend for intruder

**Premeditated murder charge.** Prosecutors say the evidence proves the killing was no accident

The chief magistrate ruled that Pistorius must face the harshest bail requirements. MASI LOSI/PRETORIA NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oscar Pistorius wept Tuesday as his defence lawyer read the athlete's account of how he shot his girlfriend to death on Valentine's Day, claiming he had mistaken her for an intruder.

Prosecutors, however, told a packed courtroom that the double-amputee mercilessly killed 29-year-old Reeva Steenkamp as she cowered inside a locked bathroom.

Pistorius told the Pretoria Magistrate's Court at a bail hearing he felt vulnerable in the presence of an intruder inside the bathroom because he did not have his prosthetic legs on, and fired into the door.

In a major point of contention, prosecutor Gerrie Nel said Pistorius took the time to put on his prostheses, walked seven metres from the bed to the enclosed toilet inside his bathroom and only then opened fire. Three of the four bullets fired into the door hit Steenkamp, Nel said.

Pistorius said in his sworn statement that after opening fire, he realized Steenkamp was not in his bed.

"It filled me with horror and fear," Pistorius said.

The 26-year-old Olympian said he put on his prosthetic legs and tried to kick down the door before finally bashing it in with a cricket bat. Inside, he said he found Steenkamp. He said he lifted her bloodied body and tried to carry her downstairs to seek help.

Nel said the athlete opened fire after the couple engaged in a shouting match and she fled to the bathroom.

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**The victim**

**Reeva Steenkamp actively campaigned against domestic violence.**

- South Africa has the world's highest rate of women killed by an intimate partner, according to a study by the Medical Research Council. Professor Rachel Jewkes of the council said at least three women are killed by a partner every day.

A woman holds a photo of Reeva Steenkamp as she leaves her funeral Tuesday. SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Kansas City block goes up in flames after crash

A car crashed into a gas main Tuesday evening in an upscale Kansas City shopping district, sparking a massive blaze that engulfed an entire block and caused multiple injuries, police said.

Seven or eight people were injured and taken to area hospitals, but there were no immediate reports of fatalities, police Sgt. Tony Sanders said. He said the manager of JJ's restaurant, which was destroyed in the blaze, was unable to account for three people, but it was unclear whether they were caught in the blaze or had left earlier.

Earlier, police spokeswoman Rhonda Flores said it appeared that a car crashed into a gas main near JJ's just after 6 p.m. Flores said an initial call for three ambulances had been increased to 10. Flores said the car crash appeared to have been accidental.

The University of Kansas Hospital is treating two people who brought themselves to the facility, said spokesman Bob Hallinan. He said the two injured people were being evaluated and he didn't immediately have their conditions.

Kerry O'Connor, a spokeswoman for St. Luke's Hospital, which is near the scene of the fire, said several patients were sent to the hospital. She said they haven't been assessed yet but "they appear to be critical at this time."

Fire officials didn't immediately return a phone call seeking comment Tuesday evening.

The smell of gas was very strong near the area long after the suspected explosion.

There were signs that utility work was being done in the area. A phone message left Tuesday seeking comment from Missouri Gas Energy was not immediately returned.

Video showed dozens of firefighters and other emergency responders battling a massive blaze that appeared to have engulfed an entire block, with flames burning through the roofs. Black smoke swirled in the air, and debris littered surrounding streets.

The shopping area was established in 1922 by J.C. Nichols. Based on the architecture of Seville, Spain, it includes retail shops, restaurants, apartments and offices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this image taken from video from KCTV, firefighters battle a massive fire at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Mo., on Tuesday. KCTV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# CANADA: OUR HOME

## Answering the call.

Government, investors & academics are serious about leading us out of innovation's backwoods

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In the mid-1800s, a Canadian scientist sought to honour his deaf mother and wife through understanding the science of hearing.

By 1874 he was splitting time between his Brantford, Ont., home and a Boston laboratory, gaining a reputation as one of the most intelligent and inventive scientists in the Western hemisphere. It was in Boston, though, where he would develop the vital relationships — and funding — required to produce the technology that would change the way billions of people communicated.

Most of us wouldn't have known the name Alexander Graham Bell had it not been for American businessmen Gardiner Hubbard and Tom Sanders.

Aside from being Bell's father-in-law, Hubbard, along with Sanders, provided the resources required for experimental prototypes.

Nearly 150 years later, inspired Canadian scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs continue to head south to have their dreams realized.

A 2010 report by the Conference Board of Canada gave our country a D grade for its innovation efforts and a ranking of 14 out of 17 developed countries (below Austria and Denmark). They defined innovation as "the ability to turn knowledge into new and improved goods and services."

The report found Canada lagging in several key innovation indicators, including patents produced per capita, export market share of electronics and pharmaceuticals, and technology manufacturing.

Later that year, the government assembled an expert panel from the academic and corporate worlds to solve the innovation gap. The result was a report entitled Innovation Canada: A Call to Action, a review of innovation over the past 30 years that provided a framework for repositioning Canada's economy.

"The budget last year, which was only maybe six months after the report, enacted a whole host of initiatives that were recommended in the report," says Tom Jenkins, the panel's chair.

Among Jenkins's several distinguished titles is executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo, Ont.-based software company OpenText.

According to him, two significant barriers to innovation are the bureaucratic red tape keeping entrepreneurs from tax credits, and turning the government, one of the market's largest buyers, into a customer.

Progress has been made on the former through simplification of the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax-incentive program (known as SHRED).

The latter has been considered through the Canadian Innovation Commercialization Program (CICP), which awards government contracts to the most innovative firms. For Jenkins, these are steps in the right direction, but more needs to be done by the public sector to drive competition.

"In our research we found that customers, demanding customers, in a competitive environment are the No. 1 driver of innovation," he said. "The private sector has this built-in conveyor belt that forces it to innovate, and if it's not innovating fast enough or big enough, then that's where government, which has a different agenda, needs to sort of weigh in and encourage."

Jenkins notes four key components of an innovation ecosystem:

**Talent**

Canada's schools continue to perform well on a global stage, but now it's a matter of cultivating this wealth of intelligence and creativity.

Toronto has seen the formation of university-based innovation centres like Ryerson's Digital Media Zone (DMZ), alongside innovation-focused post-grad programs.

The same can be said for the University of Calgary's Haskayne School of Business and the University of British Columbia's Sauder School of Business.

**Capital**

Today's entrepreneurs look to government grants and loans in the public sector and large, daring investment companies

**Quoted**

**"I think overall we are still lagging in innovation. As a score, we're certainly not at the top. The Conference Board, the Institute for Competitiveness and Prosperity — they all show that we can do better, and historically we have done better."**

**Tom Jenkins** is the executive chairman and chief strategy officer of Waterloo-based software company OpenText, serves on boards for a variety of software companies, is a member of several national academic councils and the chair of the Canadian Digital Media Council.

Ironically, Alexander Graham Bell, arguably this country's greatest innovator, had on to create the BlackBerry found that things have gotten a little better for bright

## Suzie's path of innovation

Suzie could be your average Canadian. She is intelligent, creative and motivated. She doesn't mind her job, but is constantly day-dreaming about building something she can call her own. Suzie has ideas, but she's the only one who knows them. She has plans, but doesn't know how to carry them out.

The entrepreneurial road can be daunting, but if Suzie can follow five steps, she could end up with exactly what she's been dreaming about. STEPHEN BALDWIN/METRO

### Conception

A great idea can come in an "'a-ha!" moment or through weeks of brainstorming. Ideas come in all shapes and sizes and can be original or improvements to current concepts or products. Who hasn't thought, "That would be so much better if..."? Thoughts will be swirling and questions will arise: What purpose it will serve? How will we execute it? Is there a market? Just don't spend too much time coming up with the company name.

### Collaboration

Ideas begin to take shape when people with a common interest or goal work together. Everyone's got a unique perspective, and incorporating everyone's input on a product or service can be painstaking — but necessary — as the idea percolates. Breakthroughs are the result of hours of tedious work. Having someone to help carry the burden and responsibility can allow you to get where you need to be faster and more effectively. For those who can't find their entrepreneurial soul mate, meet-ups and forums can help.

# AND INNOVATIVE LAND

to leave Canada to pursue the inventions he envisioned. His successors who went people with bright ideas. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE

(angel investors and venture-capital funds) in the private sector. Examples of the latter include VA Angels (Alberta), Version One Ventures (B.C.), First Angel Network (Nova Scotia), Extreme Venture Partners (Toronto), Sask Works Venture Fund and the Manitoba Knights.

**Infrastructure**
Innovation hubs called incubators and accelerators continue to pop up throughout the country, often in collaboration with universities. They have helped companies in Waterloo like OpenText and BlackBerry thrive.

"It's where you get to perform the contact sport," Jenkins says. "In those centres, there are accountants, bankers, people who can access mentors. That's absolutely essential."

**Customers**
A concentrated customer base is essential to the growth of a company, but the Internet has made it such that this is no longer a geographical requirement. A Canadian startup can come up with a product that caters specifically to Icelanders.

In January, Stephen Harper announced a $400-million investment in venture capital.

It's a big step for a government that has been criticized both at home and abroad for living in the past, and with the infrastructure in place, it's now on the private sector, and the next generation of entrepreneurs, to take advantage.

Regardless of the outcome, Canadians can find comfort in the axiom that tolerance breeds innovation. But in this game, according to Jenkins, getting too comfortable can mean falling behind.

"It's the nature of innovation that you cannot rest on your laurels. Because innovation by its nature is constantly changing and constantly challenging countries or companies to keep up. This is not a snapshot, it's a treadmill."

Startups

## *Canadian innovation: A cautionary tale*

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Small businesses aren't small potatoes in Canada. They account for 98 per cent of ongoing businesses in the country. But are today's youth thinking like entrepreneurs? PHOTOS.COM

Canada's track record for supporting innovation is good — but it could be better, experts say.

More available capital, resource support and a dash of bravado might be what it takes to push our creative envelope to the max.

Small-business consultant Mark Evans believes the investment community looks at the big-ticket items at the expense of overlooking niche innovation.

"There are not enough sources of seed capital, and a lot has to do with the investment mentality that prevails with big investors who are more conservative. We're happy giving money to companies that want to dig holes in the ground (minerals, etc.), but it's a different game when it comes to other investments," said Evans, a former business journalist, turned consultant, with past credits in the Financial Post and the Globe & Mail.

Small businesses in Canada is a big deal. They account for 98 per cent of our ongoing businesses — and many of them started up to fill a niche or provide a service with an innovative idea or approach. They are the drivers of innovation.

"It's important that people (especially the youth of tomorrow) begin thinking like entrepreneurs," says Lesley Wilmot, director of marketing and communication at the Canadian Youth Business Association.

"We need them for our economy to continue to grow."

Wilmot's organization was established by the government in 1996 and provides youth between 18 and 39 with much-needed startup capital and access to mentors, who offer business advice, guidance and collaboration.

The government and private sector are stepping up with more credit and support for innovative small businesses across the country.

The final step, according to Evans, is believing we're innovators. Canada has long been an innovative nation, but we tend to shy from the limelight.

"Canadians are too modest and humble for their own good compared to U.S., who are always ready to declare themselves as the best or No. 1," said Evans.

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### Funding and incubation

Venture capitalism and angel investors are emerging as popular avenues for funding. These investors are willing to bet big on great ideas, often for a piece of the company or its profits. Small business can also look to available grants and loans offered by each level of government. Incubators and accelerators provide new businesses with the resources and mentoring needed to grow. Both often provide funding, but their real value is in helping you develop your idea in a collaborative setting.

### Experimentation

This varies depending on the idea or application. Web startups will launch a beta version of their site, while others require a more tactile approach (e.g., testing/demonstration in the targeted industry, trade shows/showcases, etc.). This stage allows kinks to be smoothed, and in some cases forces you to start from scratch.

### Marketing

This step is often overlooked, but it's as important as the others. You've put together something fresh and innovative, but no one knows about it, so no one cares. Researching and seeking out those people who can influence the success of your innovation is critical. The way you present your business will say a lot about what you do and how you do it. Done right, you can allow the innovation to speak for itself.

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# 'Plastic' princess remarks spark furor in U.K.

**Dissection of the duchess.** Author's defenders say she was critiquing media coverage of the royals

A novelist, a duchess and a tabloid newspaper have ignited an explosive debate in Britain: Is it all right to criticize a pregnant Kate?

The Daily Mail on Tuesday ran a front-page broadside against two-time Booker Prize-winning author Hilary Mantel for what it called her "venomous attack" on Kate, Duchess of Cambridge.

Within hours, the Internet was ablaze. Prime Minister David Cameron joined in the criticism of Mantel while others rushed to her defence.

In a speech this month, Mantel had characterized the 31-year-old wife of Prince William as "a jointed doll on which certain rags were hung ... a shop-window mannequin, with no personality of her own."

Mantel said Kate, as a royal consort, "appeared to have been designed by committee and built by craftsmen, with a perfect plastic smile and the spindles of her limbs hand-turned and gloss-varnished."

The speech, reprinted this week in the London Review of Books, was about the British public's symbiotic and voyeuristic relationship with royalty. It looked at the way the public and the press both glorify and destroy royals, from Anne Boleyn to Diana, Princess of Wales, casting them in roles and stories in which "adulation can swing to persecution, within hours."

Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, visits Hope House, a women's recovery centre in London, on Tuesday as patron of the charity Action on Addiction. British newspapers, meanwhile, were filled with comments about her baby bump, gestures, demeanour and Max Mara dress — the very things author Hilary Mantel criticized in her speech. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But for the Daily Mail, this became "an astonishing and venomous attack on the Duchess of Cambridge." It quoted Mantel's speech at length, although it did not note that the 60-year-old author of Wolf Hall and Bring Up the Bodies was describing what she saw as a view of Kate constructed by the press and public opinion.

Reaction was divided, with some defending Mantel's words as provocative and thoughtful and others calling them hurtful. Cameron — on a trip to India — said the comments were "completely misguided and completely wrong."

But on the Daily Telegraph website, journalist Catherine Scott said Mantel's speech was "an attack on how some parts of the media canonize royal women ... while also rendering them voiceless and purposeless."

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# California shooting rampage leaves 4 dead

**'I killed somebody. Today is my last day.'**
No indication of motive in brutal crime spree

Police investigators examine a gun lying by the scene of a shooting spree that left four dead and two others injured.
MARK RIGHTMIRE/THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A 20-year-old student wielding a shotgun killed a woman in her home and two commuters during carjackings, shot up vehicles on a Southern California freeway and committed suicide as police closed in on him Tuesday, authorities said.

The early-morning killings happened not long after a bloody saga that gripped Southern California for six days, as former Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner eluded a massive manhunt after killing three people. Dorner died Feb. 12 from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after a fiery gun battle that left one police officer dead.

On Tuesday, a driver was forced from his BMW at a stop sign, marched to a curb and killed as witnesses watched in horror.

"He was basically executed," Santa Ana police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said. "There were at least six witnesses."

The shooter, Ali Syed, was an unemployed, part-time student who lived with his parents at the Ladera Ranch residence where the first victim was slain, Tustin police Chief Scott Jordan said. Authorities said Syed was taking one course at Saddleback College, a two-year community college.

Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said the woman killed at the home was in her 20s. She was not identified and was not related to the shooter, he said, adding that it wasn't known what she was doing at the home.

Syed's parents were in the house at the time, fled the residence when shots were fired and reported it, he said.

Jordan said Syed stated to one carjacking victim: "I don't want to hurt you. I killed somebody. Today is my last day."

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# Gun penalties. Toronto shootings used to support mandatory minimums

Gun violence in Toronto once prompted Ottawa to enact stiffer mandatory minimum sentences, and government lawyers are now raising the recent gun deaths of four Toronto-area boys as those penalties undergo a major test.

Ontario's Appeal Court is hearing six gun-crime cases jointly this week, since all of the appeals centre on controversial mandatory minimums. Crown attorneys for both the federal and provincial governments were the first to make arguments before the special five-judge panel in a courtroom packed with two dozen lawyers.

The hearings are focusing on the three-year mandatory minimum sentence for possession of a loaded illegal gun. The law was enacted in 2008 as part of the federal Conservatives' omnibus crime bill, but was first proposed in response to a spate of gun violence in Toronto in 2005.

It was dubbed "the year of the gun," but no gun death galvanized politicians as much as the death of 15-year-old Jane Creba. The teen was in a crowd teeming with downtown Boxing Day shoppers when she was hit with a bullet as a gunfight suddenly broke out between two rival groups.

Such shootings threatened Canadian values "by a new gun culture and gun lawlessness," provincial Crown Attorney Riun Shandler told the Appeal Court.

"The plague of handguns in this city continues," he said.

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**Fatal trend**

- Federal Crown Attorney Moiz Rahman also noted that a 15-year-old was shot and killed on the weekend — the fourth minor to die in gunfire in the Toronto area this year.
- The youngest of those victims was nine-year-old Kesean Williams, who was fatally shot in the head by a bullet fired outside his Brampton, Ont., home while he was watching TV.

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# Great-West to buy Ireland's top life-insurance provider

**EU economic recovery.**
Winnipeg-based firm strikes deal with Irish government to privatize bailed-out company

Great-West Lifeco world headquarters is pictured in Winnipeg on Tuesday. The company will acquire Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion through an agreement with the Government of Ireland. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Great-West Lifeco Inc. will buy Irish Life Group for $1.75 billion from the Government of Ireland, which acquired the financial-services company last summer as part of a bailout of its former parent.

Irish Life provides life insurance, pension management and investment services to more than one million customers — including about 800,000 individual policyholders.

It also manages assets worth the equivalent of $50 billion and employs about 2,200 people — almost all in Ireland.

"The acquisition of Irish Life is transformational for our companies in Ireland," Great-West president and CEO Allen Loney said Tuesday.

He said Great-West will become Ireland's leading provider of life insurance, pension and investment services with the single transaction.

The Winnipeg-based company began its pursuit of Irish Life when an auction process was launched in September 2011, but withdrew in November of that year due to the European sovereign debt and banking crisis. Speaking from Dublin in a phone interview, Loney said that negotiations resumed about two and a half months ago in November 2012, after the economy began to show signs of improvement.

"Certainly, the Irish economic situation and fiscal situation ... (has) improved out of all recognition in the last 18 months or so."

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**EU mystery-meat scandal.**

## Fancy some horse ravioli? Nestle recalls pasta meals

The world's biggest food and drinks maker Nestle SA has become the latest company to pull some of its products off European shelves after they were found to contain undeclared horsemeat.

The company, based in Vevey, Switzerland, said in a statement late Monday that it withdrew some of its beef pasta meals from sale after tests conducted two days earlier detected horse DNA. Nestle said it increased its surveillance after reports emerged last month of mislabelled products being sold in Britain.

"Our tests have found traces of horse DNA in two products made from beef supplied by H.J. Schypke," Nestle said in a statement. "The levels found are above the one per cent threshold the U.K.'s Food Safety Agency uses to indicate likely adulteration or gross negligence."

H.J. Schypke, a German subcontractor for one of Nestle's suppliers, Belgium-based JBS Toledo N.V., said in a statement Tuesday that it had never knowingly procured horsemeat.

Nestle insisted that the Buitoni Beef Ravioli and Beef Tortellini meals sent to Italy and Spain, and frozen meat sold as Lasagnes à la Bolognaise Gourmandes to catering businesses in France, were safe to consume. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Bring a gun and save**

## Hands up! I'll have pepperoni, onion and mushrooms

A Virginia Beach, Va., pizza-shop owner is showing his support for firearm rights by giving gun owners a 15 per cent discount.

The discount is given to anyone who brings a gun or concealed handgun permit to All Around Pizzas and Deli. Since the discount began last Friday, owner Jay Laze says, 80 per cent of customers have brought guns into the pizza shop. One customer came in with an AK-47. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# KILLIN' IT WITH COSMIC TIMING

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Most astronauts explore space, the final frontier.

Chris Hadfield plays space, the Borscht Belt.

Hadfield is the first Canadian commander of the International Space Station, and, unlike previous, more conventional Canadian astronauts, Cmdr. Hadfield is knocking them dead.

It's as if he was on his way to Vegas and, instead of taking I-95, he took the second star to the right and went straight on until morning.

Since climbing aboard the ISS just before Christmas, he has: chatted with Captain Kirk, that other enterprising Canadian; composed a song and sung it with Ed Robertson of the Barenaked Ladies; sent valentines from space ("My heart glows like the Northern Lights ..."); participated in Ask Me Anything on Reddit; taken hundreds of vacation snaps (I think this one is Dublin by day ...); and tweeted compulsively to his 360,000 followers on Twitter.

Back here on the ground, we're not used to entertaining astronauts. Astronauts are tucked in and trim. They say things such as "roger, wilco," not "Wow, I can feel the warmth of the Irish all the way up here. Go raibh maith agaibh!," which is what he tweeted after posting his high-flying photo of Dublin.

**High-flying showman**

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Hard to tell what he'll do for an encore, but you can bet his global audience will demand it. Maybe he'll be held over, like that other Canadian astronomical stalwart, Cirque du soleil.

It's also hard to tell what this virtuoso tour de farce is doing for space exploration or the Canadian Space Agency, but more than one commentator has pointed out it will be harder to close it down by any government that doesn't have a death wish. Like the RCMP Musical Ride and the Snowbirds, you can't shut Chris Hadfield down any more than you can shut him up.

As I write, he's just finished demonstrating how to make a sandwich in a weightless state. (Peanut butter and honey on a space tortilla that's virtually indestructible. Yum.)

Of course, Hadfield's Orbiting Space Shenanigans aren't universally popular. Some people think he's trivializing space exploration and research. We spent how much to send Bozo into orbit? What about serious issues such as global warming? And, if you're a conspiracy theorist, what's he really doing up there?

Still, anyone with 360,000 followers must be doing something right. I think I've added 36 followers across the same time span. Of course, I can't tell you how to make a PB-and-honey sandwich in total weightlessness. I can, however, recommend crunchy over smooth, a tip that's worth its weightlessness in gold.

There's cosmic gold in them thar hills: "Tá Éire fiorálainn! Land of green hills and dark beer. With capital Dublin glowing in the Irish night," @Cmdr_Hadfield tweeted this photo on Monday, of the city taken from the ISS. TWITTER

# Go-go Golden-i gadget

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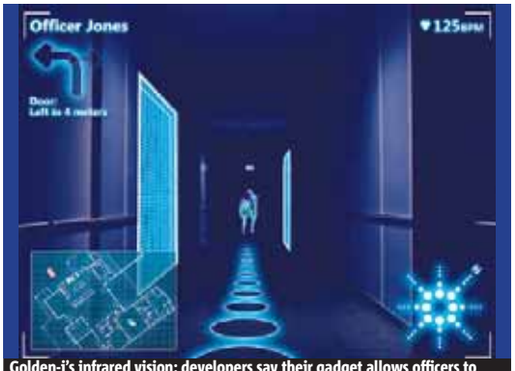
**Inspector's gadget**

## Headset lets police look through walls

This head-mounted computer promises to give police officers and other emergency services Robocop-like abilities. The Golden-i unit is operated by voice commands and head movements and allows the wearer to access vital information without using their hands. The device also offers the ability to see through walls thanks to infrared technology. METRO




Golden-i's infrared vision: developers say their gadget allows officers to record situations for later analysis and view live video feeds from other Golden-i devices. COURTESY OF GOLDEN-I/REX FEATURES

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## You too can spy with a Golden-i

Made by U.S.-based Kopin Corp. and U.K. firm Ikanos Consulting, Golden-i was showcased at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month, although "no pricing has been announced yet," a spokesperson told Metro. The Golden-i professional kit is expected to be released by the summer, while a consumer version is set for later in the year. METRO

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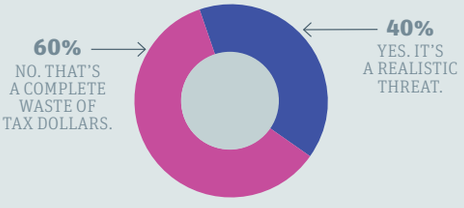


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Musician Carly Rae Jepsen — seen here performing during the Believe Tour in Los Angeles in October — received five Juno nominations on Tuesday, including album of the year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Call me Juno: Carly Rae Jepsen tops nominee list

**Award contenders.** Justin Bieber, Johnny Reid, Leonard Cohen and Deadmau5 also recognized with multiple nominations

Looks like the Juno Awards knew Carly Rae Jepsen's number.

The singer from British Columbia — whose monster single Call Me Maybe took the world by storm in 2012 — landed a leading five nominations on Tuesday, prompting a flood of kudos and even spontaneous singing from fellow nominees gathered at a media conference.

"It's catchy. It's in my blood," Maestro Fresh Wes, a nominee for rap recording of the year, said as he burst into the chorus of Call Me Maybe in a red-carpet interview.

"You can't help it, man. It's cool, man, it's cool, and I wish her all the best. It's a lot of hard work. People just see the final product, they don't see the blood, sweat and tears that was put into making that project come into fruition, so all the best to her."

Jepsen was nominated for two prizes at the recent Grammy Awards but went home empty-handed.

Justin Bieber will be competing with Jepsen for Artist of the Year at the Juno Awards, broadcasting from Regina on April 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS

At the Junos, she'll vie for the fan choice award, single of the year, album of the year, artist of the year and pop album of the year.

"It's a great pop song — let's not mess around," said Erik Arnesen, banjo/guitar player for the Great Lake Swimmers, who are nominated for roots and traditional group album of the year.

"It's a shame she wasn't able to get the Grammys so here's hoping she gets some recognition in her own country."

"I was a little disappointed she didn't get a Grammy," added Ottawa teen country singer Kira Isabella, who's nominated for breakthrough artist of the year.

"I hope she wins big this time. I'm really proud of her. She's had an amazing year.

"(Call Me Maybe) has to win song of the year! People that say they're sick of it — it just grew on me even more."

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# In these alien films, no one can hear you scream

**Dark Skies.** New movie aims to join the outer space/horror canon — a genre with many flops and a few triumphs

IN FOCUS
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Josh Hamilton and Kadan Rocket star in Dark Skies, a new sci-fi/horror film opening this weekend that features alien activity in the suburbs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sci-fi and horror rarely mix, but when they do it can result in classics like Alien, a near perfect fusion of scientific fiction and terror. Or, when the blend isn't right, you get flops like The Mole People.

This weekend Dark Skies hopes to hit the right balance with a story about a suburban couple, an ET disguised as a human and some good old-fashioned alien abduction.

We won't know until opening day whether or not the movie works, but horror stories about outer space creatures have succeeded in the past.

The premise of Species is pure sci-fi. Scientists discover that alien and human DNA can be combined. Of course nothing bad will happen when you create a human with alien traits, right? A-listers like Ben Kingsley added some cache, but it was the horror of the H.R. Giger-designed alien and Natasha Henstridge's flicking frog-like tongue that made the movie memorable.

Years before Peter Jackson hit it big with Lord of the Rings, he made a film that mixed sci-fi, horror and a big helping of humour. Bad Taste sees a small town taken over by aliens who harvest humans as ingredients for their fast-food restaurants. Über low-budget, the movie was called a "deranged, bloodthirsty heir to the Marx Brothers' slapstick kingdom" by a BBC film reviewer. Its best joke may be on the DVD cover. The film title's font looks like the logo of the U.S. takeout restaurant Fatburger.

It Came from Outer Space (one of the first alien invasion films), The Blob and giant ant movie Them! all combine the best elements of sci-fi and horror, but not all movies are as successful. The title Robot Monster promises some futuristic scares, but earned the title "Baddest of the B-Movies" in Michael Sauter's book The Worst Movies of All Time mainly because the robot was actually just an actor dressed in a gorilla suit topped with a diving helmet.

The name Bela Lugosi conjures up images of horror to anyone familiar with his portrayal of Dracula, so a sci-fi movie with the genre legend should be both speculative and spooky, right? Wrong. The Golden Turkey Awards dubbed Plan 9 from Outer Space "The Worst Film Ever," but it wasn't Bela's fault. He died before the movie was actually shot, but director Ed Wood Jr. used test footage of the actor in the finished film; hence the video box tagline, "Almost starring Bela Lugosi."

# Game of Thrones. Season 3 will be a rough ride for Sansa Stark, says actress

Sansa Stark (played by Sophie Turner) will be sharing a lot of screen time with Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) this season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fans of George R. R. Martin's A Song of Ice and Fire novels probably think they have a good idea of what's in store for young Sansa Stark in the Game of Thrones third season.

And actress Sophie Turner has hinted that they might be right.

In an interview to promote yesterday's DVD/Blu-ray release of the show's second season, Turner divulged a few hints about the new season, which premieres March 31 on HBO Canada (warning, potential spoilers ahead).

"I can tell you that Sansa kind of goes through this little roller coaster ... emotionally, she kind of gets her hopes up a little at times and they kind of get crushed — as per (usual) pretty much, nothing much different," says Turner, who turns 17 later this week, with a laugh.

"It's very emotionally testing for Sansa this season."

**A Stark outlook**

**"It's very emotionally testing for Sansa this season."**

Sophie Turner on her Game of Thrones character Sansa Stark

The third season of the show is expected to encompass part of Martin's A Storm of Swords novel, the third book in his series, which currently stands at five titles with two more yet to come.

Turner confirmed that she does share a lot of screen time with Peter Dinklage's character Tyrion Lannister, as diehard fans had been expecting.

"Peter's such a cool guy, he's amazing to act alongside with and I think I've been really lucky," she says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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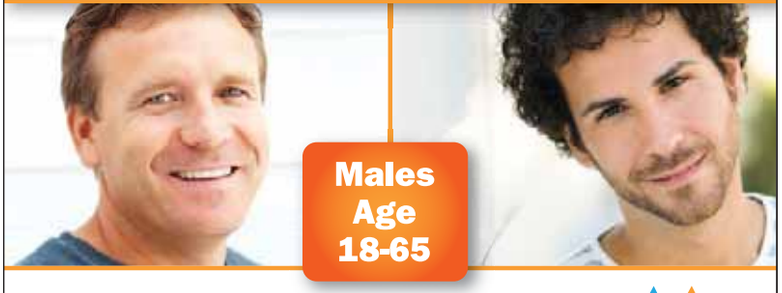


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Renee Zellweger
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# Zellweger not afraid of some PDA

Renee Zellweger is enjoying her relationship with guitarist Doyle Bramhall, and she's not afraid to show it.

The pair was spotted making out on the beach during their current Hawaiian vacation, according to E! News.

"They have been really cute together," a source says. "They've been openly kissing and cuddling. He even has his guitar on vacation with him and was playing it for her while they waited for their rental car."

Charlize Theron

# Star-studded first birthday party

Charlize Theron's one-year-old adopted son, Jackson, is already making headlines for his A-list birthday party, according to E! News.

"Sandra Bullock was one of the first guests to arrive with her son Louis," a source says of the fete held Sunday at Theron's Hollywood Hills home. "As they walked into the party, they bumped into Chelsea Handler who had also just arrived in a limousine. They all walked in together and headed for the backyard where children's music was playing and kids were running around."

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## *Paltrow has lost her passion for acting: Source*

Gwyneth Paltrow just isn't feeling it anymore when it comes to her acting career, according to Us Weekly.

"She's lost her passion for movies," a source says. "She won't quit acting. Her plan is to do one, maybe two supporting parts a year."

So what else will Paltrow do to fill her time? The source says she will mainly focus on her lifestyle website, Goop, with an aim to emulate another blonde star: Jessica Simpson. "She admires Jessica's empire," the source says. "She wants to make a killing." METRO WORLD NEWS

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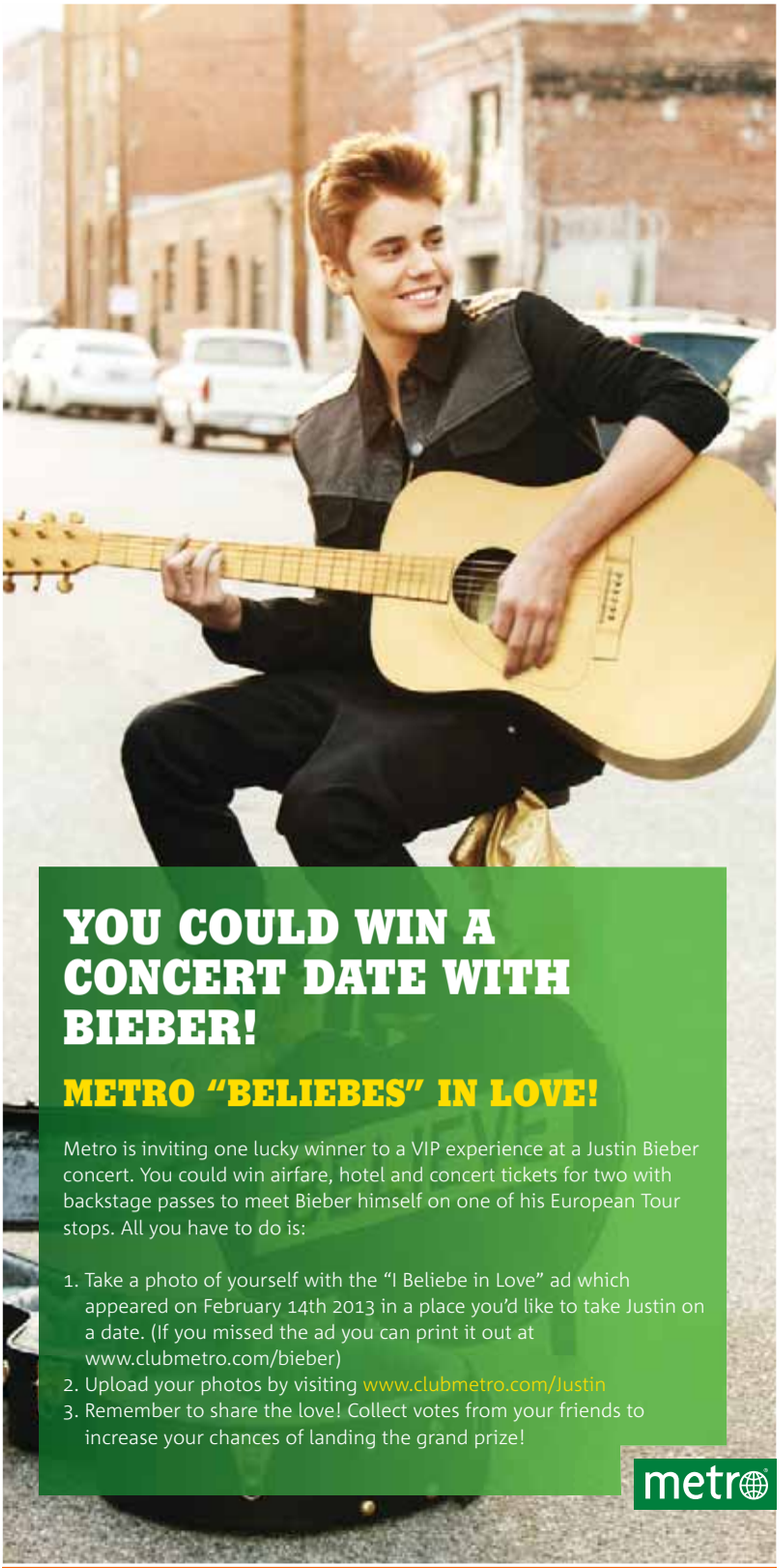

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# CREATE A SWEETER FUTURE

## CUPCAKE DAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR HUMANE SOCIETIES AND SPCAS

This mother and her pups were found in distress, but thanks to SPCA intervention and donor support all the dogs are now fully recovered and have been adopted into loving homes.

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Animal lovers, bakers and confectionary connoisseurs across the country are invited to bake cupcakes and raise funds for Canada's inaugural national fundraising program for SPCAs and humane societies.

National Cupcake Day, Monday, Feb. 25, is organized by the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BC SPCA) and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) with many participating organizations across the country.

"We are encouraging people to register online at nationalcupcakeday.ca and then to bake and offer cupcakes by donation on Feb. 25, with all proceeds going to support their favourite participating SPCA or humane society," says Rosemary Conder, chief development officer of the BC SPCA. "Supporters can host National Cupcake Day parties in their homes, bake cupcakes to take to school or the office or offer them by donation in the community. It's an easy and fun way to make a life-saving difference in the lives of animals who desperately need our help."

"We hope animal lovers will encourage their family and friends to donate online and to support their efforts by attending local National Cupcake Day parties, collecting donations or hosting events of their own," says Marc Ralsky, director, community and donor development for the OSPCA. "Everyone loves cupcakes, and they taste even sweeter when you know it's for a good cause."

The event originated in Australia, developed by creative and passionate fundraisers at the RSPCA in New South Wales.

"The event there currently raises $1 million annually Down Under," Conder says.

"And our RSPCA colleagues have been generously sharing their resources to make it a reality in Canada."

Once registered online, participants are mailed a National Cupcake Day host kit, which includes a poster, sticker, balloons and fundraising guide, making it easy for those who want to participate and help animals in need. Even if you are fashionably late joining in on the fun, you are welcome to continue fundraising or hosting an event after Feb. 25.

"This event is a team effort and every donation and cupcake counts," Ralsky says. "We would like to thank all participants and our generous sponsors Petsecure, Reynolds and BMO. Together we will be helping create a healthier and happier future for animals."

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The Ontario SPCA is unique amongst animal welfare organizations as it is given the authority under the Ontario SPCA Act to enforce animal cruelty laws. This act provides Ontario SPCA officers with the police powers to do so.

The Ontario SPCA's mission is to facilitate and provide for provincewide leadership on matters relating to the prevention of cruelty to animals and the promotion of animal welfare. The society is seen as the recognized authority on animal welfare issues and making a measurable difference for animals. It is an integral part of communities all across the province, promoting mutually beneficial human-animal interactions, and is viewed as a desirable organization for volunteerism and support. The society's goal is to be a strong, unified and collaborative organization dedicated to the cultivation of a compassionate Ontario for all animals.

The investigations and rescue and relief services within the Ontario SPCA play a crucial role in assisting animals in need. Investigators provide front-line protection for animals across Ontario by responding to an average of 16,000 animal cruelty complaints each year, which often lead to rescuing and caring for injured, abandoned and abused animals.

Empowered by the Ontario SPCA Act, inspectors and agents relieve animal suffering and distress by issuing orders, removing animals and laying charges under the Criminal Code of Canada and the Ontario SPCA Act where circumstances warrant. Ontario SPCA peace officers not only follow up on tips, but are often first on the scene during a large-scale removal or disaster. The society's rescue and relief services are funded by donations from its supporters.

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# Tee up with the greats at the World Golf Hall of Fame

**Exclusive club.** Take a break from duffing and dream of what it would be like to swing like Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer

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President Dwight D. Eisenhower's golf shoes. Sam Snead's lunch box. Canadian legend Marlene Stewart Streit's first hole-in-one trophy. These are among the thousands of artifacts displayed at the World Golf Hall of Fame, the centrepiece of Florida's World Golf Village, a combination resort and theme park located between Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

As in every corner of the golf-obsessed Sunshine State, the northeast has targeted golf travellers, who account for one-third of the rounds played annually. More than 50 public-play courses are found in a 153-kilometre stretch of prime beachfront marketers have tagged Florida's First Coast, since it was the first region settled by Europeans and offers the first beaches most vacationers see as they motor into the state.

Many visitors to the World Golf Hall of Fame stay on site at the refurbished 300-room Renaissance World Golf Village Resort, then set out to explore the village's shops, restaurants and the World Golf Hall of Fame, an entertaining mix of conventional museum-style exhibits and cutting-edge video presentations.

Try your hand at the King and Bear course, courtesy of Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. COURTESY WORLD GOLF HALL OF FAME

The brainchild of former PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, the hall is designed to reflect both golf's past and the spirit of the game. The 18 peaks of the roof of Boston architect E. Verner Johnson's glass-and-steel shrine represent the 18 holes in a round of golf. And the front curve of the building is meant to symbolize the arc of a golf swing.

A barrage of archival films unreel on screens large and small throughout the hall. In the Bob Hope Theatre, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and other immortals appear in a video highlighting the comedian's famous passion for the game. Also rolling in a never-ending loop is film of astronaut Alan Shepard's six-iron shot during the 1971 Apollo 14 mission, the swing that made golf the first interplanetary sport.

The Slammer and Squire is also part of the World Golf Village.

Interactive exhibits include a putting green where visitors can try their luck with old-style wood-shafted putters and gutta percha balls. Another highlight is the Trophy Room at the top of the Hall of Fame Tower, which holds the World Cup, the President's Cup and many more of golf's most famous baubles.

But the spiritual heart of the museum is Shell Hall, where handcrafted bronze relief plaques of each of the 141 honoured members line the Wall of Fame like ancient sarcophagi.

Even more fascinating — and intimately revealing — is the Member Locker Room, featuring more than 2,000 artifacts and memorabilia from the hall's members in lockers dedicated to telling their individual stories.

Found here are Nicklaus's favourite fly fishing rod, Babe Zaharias's harmonica, one of the two Purple Hearts won by Lloyd Mangrum in the Second World War, and the 1970 and 1972 World Team jacket worn by Marlene Stewart Streit, the winner of every major title in women's amateur golf, who in 2004 became Canada's first — and still only — inductee to the hall.

Found almost in the shadow of the hall is the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the only teaching facility that carries the PGA Tour name.

**Golf in the land of greats**

Right on the World Golf Village property are the two excellent golf courses. Opened in 1998, the 6,939-yard Slammer and Squire course snakes tightly through wetlands before widening and wrapping around the hall. The layout was designed by Bobby Weed with input from Sam Snead (the Slammer) and Gene Sarazen (the Squire). Palmer and Nicklaus, in their only design collaboration, built the King and Bear course, a 7,279-yard beast opened in 2000. Palmer (the King) handled the layout's original routing, which Nicklaus (the Bear) then refined.

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## Beaches

From Pensacola in the western Panhandle to Apalachicola in the east, you'll find more than 320 kilometres of relatively undeveloped beaches. Walk the sand in the early morning or late day to glimpse a spectacular sunrise or sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. Because the beaches don't get lots of traffic — except for a few towns that draw college spring breakers in March — shell seekers often make unique finds such as small conch shells and sand dollars.

## National Naval Aviation Museum

The museum is located on Pensacola Naval Air Station and is open to the public 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, navalaviationmuseum.org. The museum offers an extensive collection of vintage military aircraft from all eras of flight. On most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings in March through November, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration squadron practices in the skies above the museum.

## Seaside

The picturesque village of Seaside is located on the Gulf of Mexico between Destin and Panama City and includes some of the priciest beach homes in the region. Developed in 1981 as a planned resort community, Seaside was the setting of the 1998 film, The Truman Show, starring Jim Carrey. Seaside is known for its pastel-coloured beach bungalows built in the old Florida tradition and for its beautifully landscaped walkways and public areas.

## Wentworth Museum and Historic Pensacola

A collection of historic homes, museums and other sites highlights Pensacola's history dating to the mid-1500s under Spanish, French, British, Confederate and American control. Admission to the T.T. Wentworth Jr. Florida State Museum is free. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For a look inside the historic homes in Historic Pensacola Village, you can take a tour for $6.

## The Destin Docks

The sign welcoming visitors to the well-known Panhandle resort city of Destin calls it "The World's Luckiest Fishing Village." The sign is an homage to a time when the area was known for its fine snapper fishing and shrimping rather than high-rise condos, but fishing remains a huge part of local culture. For visitors who don't have their sea legs or who don't want to spend serious money trying their luck at offshore fishing, Destin's fishing docks still offer an entertaining stroll.

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# Skiing: March Break trips fit for a teen

**Go big or stay home.**
No matter if you stay near the GTA or venture out to Vail, an alpine trip is perfect for families with teens

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Blue Mountain's vertical ski is one of the largest in Ontario. KATHY BUCKWORTH/METRO

March break should be a time of reconnecting with family and taking the time to enjoy each other's company. But when the kids are teens, sometimes the last thing they want to do is spend quality time with mom and dad. Except, of course, if you can offer up prime shredding and swooshing as part of the deal.

Skiing and snowboarding holidays are perfect for getting the family out into the fresh air, getting some great cardio exercise and most importantly, providing the opportunity for spending time on the lifts and the slopes, away from the constant presence of screens. But ski hills offer more than just skiing and boarding — a great selection of outdoor activities, including skating, snowshoeing, even mountain coastering are favourites for kids of all ages and stages, even teens and tweens.

Depending on budgets, travel time and ability, finding a place which is perfect for your family can be easy. Make sure you check out accommodations — rooms versus suites, versus condominiums with fully equipped kitchens — and availability of lessons and instructors.

### Close to home

Blue Mountain, Collingwood, Ont. While Blue Mountain's ski vertical is one of the largest in Ontario, it's still a relatively small slope at 720 feet. It does have many challenging runs, however, and it makes up for its lack of height by offering a terrific array of activities both on and off the hill that are perfect for the tween and teen market. Night skiing is dominated by the teen ski crowd, who generally operate on a late-to-rise schedule. The Ridge Runner Mountain Coaster takes riders up through the mountain glades, over half a kilometre track, where the driver-operated cars can reach speeds of up to 42km/hr.

### Going Big

Just over a three hour flight from Toronto to Denver, and then another two-hour drive will take you to the heart of Colorado ski country and its flagship hill, Vail Mountain. (Beaver Creek and Breckenridge are short drives away as well. Bookings for all are easy at snow.com). The base elevation at Vail is 8,120 feet and the ski hill itself tops out at 3,450 feet above sea level, giving bragging rights to all who venture.

Right from the start of the day teens will be engaged when they get into Gondola One, which offers free Wi-Fi. The seven-minute ride allows ample time for Facebooking jealous friends back home.

Experienced teen skiers and boarders will love the challenge of the runs, particularly in the famous bowls. For extreme snowboarders, North America's reportedly longest half pipe is located at Vail's Golden Peak Terrain Park, at 22 feet high, and 600 feet long.

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Sing for Hope co-founding directors Camille Zamora, left, and Monica Yunus lean on a decorated piano. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Tickle the ivories in New York

**Sing for Hope Pianos.** Organization drops painted pianos on the streets and parks of NYC for all aspiring Chopins to play

New talent is coming to the city's street scene this summer: everyday New Yorkers.

Sing for Hope Pianos will take 88 rehabbed pianos, ask artists and school children to customize each with crazy colours and designs and then plant them throughout New York City's streets and parks and let anyone — and everyone — plink their ivory keys.

The two-week festival first debuted in 2010. It returned the following year under the name Pop-Up Pianos but took a backseat last year due to lack of funding.

It's making a comeback through a major donation from Chobani, a Greek yogurt company in New York.

The festival is part of an outreach program by Sing for Hope, a grassroots group of more than 1,000 artists who volunteer to make art broadly accessible.

The pianos, mostly donated uprights but also some grands, will be placed in some of the most iconic New York City spots this summer such as Times Square and Central Park and in more remote places like the Far Rockaways, Staten Island and areas underserved by the arts.

"We're sort of an artists' Peace Corp," said Sing for Hope co-founder Camille Zamora. "The idea is that some people don't get a chance necessarily to have access to great art, like in hospitals and the elderly. There are children in our city who do not have regular arts education."

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Travel tips

There's still time to plan a great March Break for your family. ISTOCK

## *There's much to do during March Break*

ON THE MOVE
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March Break is almost here. Do you have anything planned? Fear not — it is not too late!

If you are thinking about staying close to home, ski hills across the country are offering some great options for some family fun.

Panorama, located close to the summer resort town of Invermere, B.C., is an outstanding family destination. Theme nights, festivals, the largest slopeside hot pools in Canada, a new tubing park and an amazing ski school program are just some of the offerings. There are a number of different packages available. Check out Tourism BC's new ski website SkiItToBelieveIt.com.

For great value and availability, ski the hills in Alberta's national parks. Unlike other ski destinations, Banff and Jasper's high seasons are actually summer so the town offers some great value packages during the winter holiday season.

If you aren't interested in spending your break week on the slopes, there are options close to home. Remember that business travel tends to slow down over this period, so hotels in city centre destinations fill the void by creating packages to entice families to stay and play. From March 10th through the 18th, Tourism Toronto is promoting its Attractions & Events Package.

The package, which features 37 downtown Toronto and surrounding area hotels, starts as low as $85 (based on double occupancy) and includes a one-night hotel accommodation and tickets to one or more of the following: Casa Loma, Hockey Hall of Fame, Toronto Zoo and the Ontario Science Centre. See TorontoNow.com

Sun-seekers don't despair. There are still deals to be had as long as you are not too picky about the destination.

Flexibility is the key to making a last minute booking that won't break the bank. Sunquest.ca, for example, is having a March Madness sale for travel over the next two months to places like Mexico, Dominican Republic and Costa Rica. Check out the daily updates on itravel2000.com's last minute deals page.

If you can find a week at an all-inclusive for less than $1300 per person you are doing pretty well.

# Saskatoon Zoo is an ideal site for a winter wonderland walk

**Winter fun in Saskatoon.** Bundle up the kids and visit some of Canada's indigenous fauna — all for free in the winter months

Cougars pad quietly in the snow and elk stand majestically against the winter landscape at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

The park and zoo draw thousands of visitors in the summer.

But zoo manager John Moran says winter is an excellent time to go.

"If you come in the summer, it's warm, most people come midday, and the animals are all laying under the trees resting and that's what they do," said Moran.

" (In) wintertime, they're more active. It's a great opportunity to get some exercise with your family, taking a walk around the facility, and you're going to learn and see more. The animals are just really active and the site itself just makes for a real pleasant walk."

The park and zoo cover nearly 61 hectares on the city's northeast edge.

The site started as the Sutherland Forest Nursery Station in 1913 and is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

It has supplied 147 million trees over 50 years to northern parts of the Prairie provinces, according to the City of Saskatoon's website.

When the nursery was closed in 1966, the city reopened the site as the Forestry Farm Park. It's a National Historic Site.

"Our lawn areas are still used as a gathering place. In the summertime, you can hardly get a picnic site in here," Moran said in a telephone interview.

The zoo opened in the early '70s and has species that are indigenous to western Canada, such as wolves, cougars, bison, caribou, elk and bighorn sheep.

"The bears, even though they're half-hibernating, they're out every day. The grizzlies are out every day, moving in slow motion," he said.

Kids can actually meet some of the animals through public programs run by the Saskatoon Zoo Society, an independent organization that works with the zoo.

Kathleen Zary, the society's program co-ordinator, says they'll have drop-in interpretive programs from April 3 to 5.

"We'll have hands-on animal artifacts. We call them bio-facts (because) they're biological artifacts. There are things like horns, antlers, fur, rubber feet, rubber scat," said Zary.

There will also be animals to meet, including a python and Georgia the porcupine.

"They will see a really cute little furred face and they'll see a big animal, larger than they probably expect for a porcupine, see her sort of wobble into the classroom," said Zary.

"And then they'll see her lift up on her back legs with her really cute soft stomach, experience her little orange teeth as she very politely grabs with her sharp claws — politely grabs her favourite (food), which would be sweet potatoes, from us and very politely chews them away.

"I think that (the kids) are just really surprised that she's as cute and as gentle as she is.

"If they've seen her once, they want to see her again," added Zary.

Zary said the point is to show children what happens when people feed animals in the wild and explain why that shouldn't be done.

If you can't make it in the winter, you might want to aim for May 26 when events are planned to mark the anniversary.

Moran said there will be a quilt show at the superintendent's residence, which was built in 1913, a blacksmith will do demonstrations and there will be horse-drawn wagon rides.

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**Ingredients**

- 1 cup quinoa
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 1/2 cups canned corn kernels, drained
- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp seeded minced jalapeño pepper
- 4 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 1 tbsp water
- 1/3 cup chopped green onion
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup crumbled light feta cheese
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp lemon juice

**1.** Bring quinoa and stock to boil. Cover and simmer 15 mins., just until stock is absorbed and quinoa tender. Remove from heat and place in serving bowl.

**2.** Spray non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Sauté corn approximately 8 mins., just until browned, stirring. Set aside.

**3.** Spray skillet with cooking oil, add vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Add diced onion, bell pepper, garlic, cumin and jalapeño pepper and sauté until onion begins to brown, about 5 mins. Add spinach and water. Cook until spinach wilts, 2 mins.

**4.** Remove from heat. Stir in green onion, cilantro, cheese, olive oil, lemon juice and sautéed corn. Add mix to quinoa and combine. ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

**Quinoa with Charred Corn, Bell Pepper & Spinach Salad**

**This recipe serves four.** LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

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**Don't fancy yourself a farmer?** No matter — the agriculture industry is in need of specializations from engineering to biotechnology

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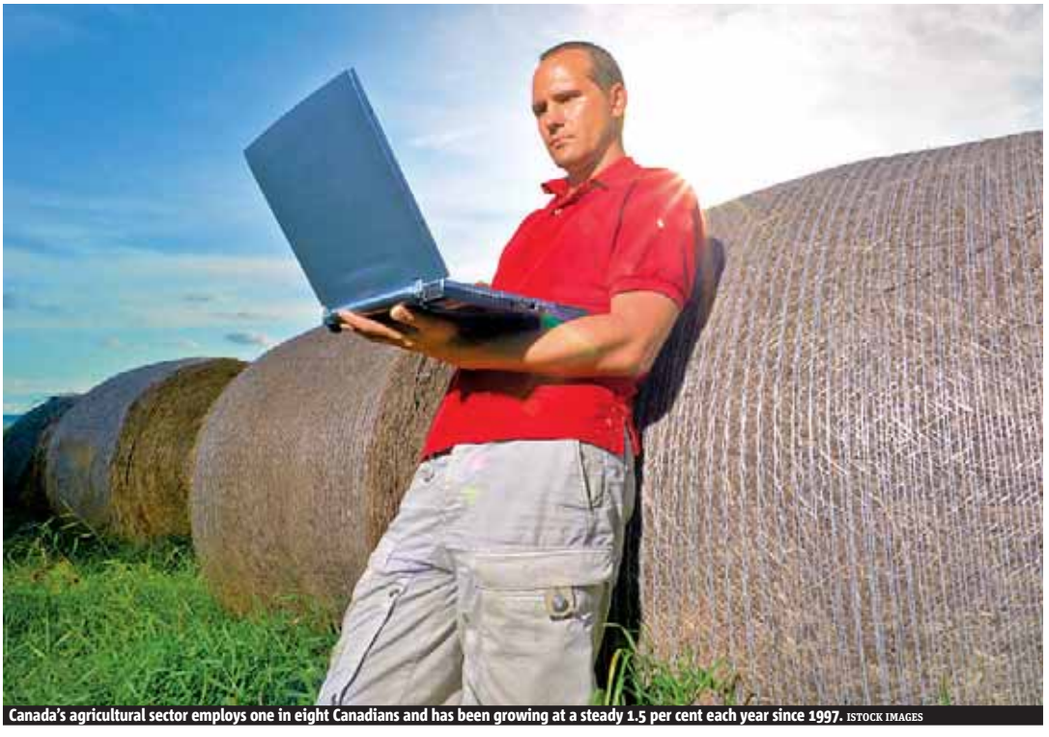

Canada's agricultural sector employs one in eight Canadians and has been growing at a steady 1.5 per cent each year since 1997. ISTOCK IMAGES

No matter what your major is or what your interests are, there's likely a career for you in agriculture. And if you've never considered working in the agriculture industry — or you still think working in agriculture means toiling in the sun — read on.

Right now, the industry is in need of specializations ranging from biotechnology to law to graphic design.

If you're like me, a city dweller who spends more time indoors than outdoors, you may question how the agriculture industry would suit you.

But working in the agriculture industry can be incredibly satisfying, the opportunities are endless, and it's one of the more stable industries out there — after all, we all have to eat.

**Why choose agriculture?**

Agriculture is an industry that often gets overlooked for the more sought after industries, such as oil and gas and the financial sector.

But most agricultural companies offer a laid-back atmosphere, which is a great transition from student life. In no other industry would I get to drive a tractor in a suit or get VIP seats to a chuckwagon race or act as Brock Lesnar's photographer for a day (yep, he's a farm boy!)

Of course, your experience will be different from mine, depending on your field and the company you work for. But at the end of the day, you can go home knowing you helped put food on millions of tables and had fun while doing so.

**What jobs are available?**

A recent report by the University of Guelph found that there's more than three jobs per agricultural graduate in Ontario. In the Prairies, the industry has never been stronger.

Because of the size of the industry, there are opportunities within almost every field. Engineers are needed for the development of industrial equipment, from GPS farming technology (known as precision farming) to 30-ton tractors, while computer scientists are needed in areas such as data processing and data storage.

And, of course, every company has the usual cast of business support staff, ranging from marketing to finance to accounting specialists.

I work as an online marketing specialist for Rocky Mountain Equipment, an agriculture equipment dealer group. While my expertise lies in SEO, SEM, PPC and a few other fancy acronyms, other marketers in my company have specializations ranging from event planning to client relations, graphic design and public relations.

I work closely with our web developers, who specialize in developing web content for agriculture companies and have clients throughout North America.

The web developers I work with are passionate about deploying new and innovative digital trends in their projects. Although the agriculture industry isn't on the bleeding edge of technology, it's quickly gaining momentum.

Then there are the advertising agencies. AdFarm and Woodruff Sweitzer are full-service advertising agencies that cater only to agricultural clients. AdFarm has offices across the Prairies, with teams of graphic designers and account executives at each office.

While ancient agricultural risk management was satisfied by reading a farmer's almanac, modern risk management takes into account everything from biological processes to crop prices to international markets. It's an advanced field that requires intuitive individuals who can adapt to an industry where conditions change as rapidly as the weather.

And for the science majors, there are the agricultural sciences. If you're not sure what to do with your B.Sc, consider that the agriculture industry employs biochemists, entomologists, geneticists and biotechnologists, just to name a few career paths.

And still, there are countless opportunities I have yet to touch on, including engineering positions for John Deere (which spends $2 million a day on R&D), to loan officer and financial analyst positions for TD Canada Trust's Agriculture Services or Scotiabank's Agricultural Banking divisions. Chances are, no matter what your passions are, there's a career for you in agriculture.

**What about job security?**

The easy answer to this question is that we all need to eat. But to take this a step further, Canada's agricultural sector is likely Canada's most stable industry. It accounts for 8.1 per cent of Canada's GDP, employs one in eight Canadians, and the industry has grown a steady 1.5 per cent each year since 1997.

**Have I convinced you yet?**

Jobs in the agriculture industry are scattered and sometimes even hard to find, so you'll need to know where to find them. Agricultural career fairs are fairly common, especially if you live in the Prairies.

While your university or college may not have a focus on agriculture, their career centre will still have contacts in the industry. And talentegg.ca has a dedicated focus on the agriculture industry with career guides and new job postings regularly.

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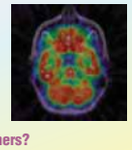

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The agriculture industry offers career opportunities to those who have specialized skill sets. ISTOCK IMAGES

# How to succeed in the agriculture business

**First steps.** To kick start your career in this industry, you'll need a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude

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There are two kinds of wheat varieties: durum and non-durum. The wheat you consume is durum, while livestock feed uses non-durum wheat. Since wheat is the Prairies' main agricultural export, every farmer knows the difference between durum and non-durum wheat.

But here's the thing: to succeed in the agricultural industry, you don't need to know this. You'll learn about the industry on the job but all you need to start off is a desirable skill set, a willingness to learn and a great attitude.

While the same could be said of any job in any industry, the agriculture industry is unique in that there are certain areas that need strengthening. From my experience, these areas include logistics and marketing.

As a marketer, the route I took involved specializing in online marketing. Countless SEO firms are springing up and targeting agriculture companies because of the gap in this specialization. A company that is able to internalize online marketing costs would see better returns on their investment in online advertising — and this was my niche upon entering the agriculture industry.

Secondly, you'll need to be able to learn and learn fast. To show your manager — or anyone else who has a say over your career path — that you're serious about a career in agriculture, you'll need to invest in educating yourself on the company's product.

And this doesn't have to be boring. You can read online articles, watch YouTube videos, read Fertilizer International (if that's your product) or read buyer's guides for farm machinery. But don't play FarmVille — that really won't help.

Don't forget to offer up a great attitude and work ethic. Although this point may seem obvious, it's also imperative. Even in my short career, I've seen people idling through their obligatory eight hours.

Agriculture is a seasonal industry so you'll experience weeks that are slower than others. But even then, make sure you remain productive by working on long-term projects or preparing yourself for the upcoming season.

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# *Have a plan, but be ready to embrace change*

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**Aisalyn Templin.** HANDOUT

After attending three different universities and switching programs three times, I finally landed in political science at the University of Toronto.

It was an unlikely decision, considering my path began with public relations in a media studies program at Humber. I quickly realized this was not the right fit for me and instead pursued studies in an arts and business program at the University of Waterloo.

After a year and a half, I landed my first co-op job at the University of Toronto in a student centre. I loved coming to work every day, even if I missed having classmates at school. This co-op position turned into a full-time job for three years.

When I did go back to finish my degree, I transferred to U of T, which was my new home. Going back to school full-time was a huge challenge — I had gotten used to a student lifestyle, but with a salary and no homework.

When I did go back to class I wasn't sure where it would lead me. Like many of my friends, I decided to apply for a post-graduate program at a college in Toronto.

It turns out life had another plan in mind for me. Three weeks after my classes ended I saw a posting for the job I have today. Knowing my path has been full of twists and turns I decided to go for it.

My philosophy of having a plan but embracing change paid off, and I love what I'm doing now.

Looking back, I resent years of "career planning" that began in grade 10. What happened to being flexible? What about the fact that many of the careers most of us will pursue don't even exist yet? My job wasn't even created until seven months ago.

**What I'm doing now**

I'm working jointly with Alumni Relations and Student Life at the University of Toronto.

**My advice for employers**

Don't be afraid to invest in young people. My employer took a chance on me when I was only 19, and it paid off for both of us. Young people often bring a level of enthusiasm and fresh perspective that can be a welcome addition to any workplace, especially an older, established institution.

**My advice for students and recent grads**

Embrace change! Planning out your whole life at the age of 19 is overrated.

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# Turning a passion for farming into a career

**Childhood dream.**
Emily den Haan talks to Metro about why she chose to pursue a career in the agricultural sector

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As many students and recent graduates know, figuring out what career path you want to pursue is almost as challenging as actually pursuing it.

But fourth-year University of Guelph student Emily den Haan knew early on her heart was in the agricultural industry.

Growing up on a dairy farm got her actively involved in the agricultural community right from the get-go, and participating in 4-H immersed her even further in the industry.

"The industry is full of people who are passionate and keen to help youth get involved and educated in all sectors of agriculture," she says. "Learning from these mentors made getting involved and learning about the ag industry fun and exciting and allowed me to develop a passion for agriculture at a young age."

In the midst of pursuing her bachelor of science in agriculture and getting actively involved on campus, Emily also began to build up her career outside of school with a summer job at an international seed company.

Emily shares how she pursued her passion and where she sees her career heading.

**What are the biggest challenges you have faced with this job and in this industry?**

Without an intense cropping background I found it a steep learning curve to understand and communicate with other employees or sales reps at first. It was challenging but by asking questions and being keen to learn and take in information, I learned quickly. I find these challenges are the most rewarding and beneficial because you learn so much just by stepping outside of your comfort zone and learning about something you are not familiar with.

**What do you love the most about this job and this industry?**

I really enjoy building relationships and working with sales reps and customers by providing trial information or helping them plant plots. It goes back to why I fell in love with agriculture to begin with — the people are great to work with.

**What are some of the coolest experiences you have had so far working in agriculture?**

Seeing all the diverse farming practices and production systems in Canada and across North and South America was a pretty exciting and noteworthy experience for me. In my second year of university I went to Costa Rica on an international agriculture field trip. It was really neat to compare their practices and farms with ours back in Canada.

In August 2012 I went on the Midwest Crop Tour with the university, which was another huge eye-opener to the diversity of mindsets and priorities on farms across the U.S. and Canada. Seeing all the different political and financial situations in different places definitely opens your eyes to the opportunities you could potentially bring home, but also makes you appreciate some of the everyday aspects of farming that we may take for granted some days.

**What are your future goals?**

I will be working in agricultural banking upon graduation in April 2013 and eventually, in the next five to 10 years, I plan on returning home to the dairy farm.

**What advice could you offer to other students entering the agricultural field?**

Get involved, interact and meet people. The agriculture industry is a very connected industry and ideas, issues and solutions are shared across all sectors. To me this is a huge benefit the ag industry has, in that we can learn from each other and continue to move forward.

Being able to communicate with past and current producers, colleagues and sales reps opens so many opportunities for growth and development for yourself and the industry as a whole. It is a sector full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know, especially with a younger audience, so just be open and take it all in.

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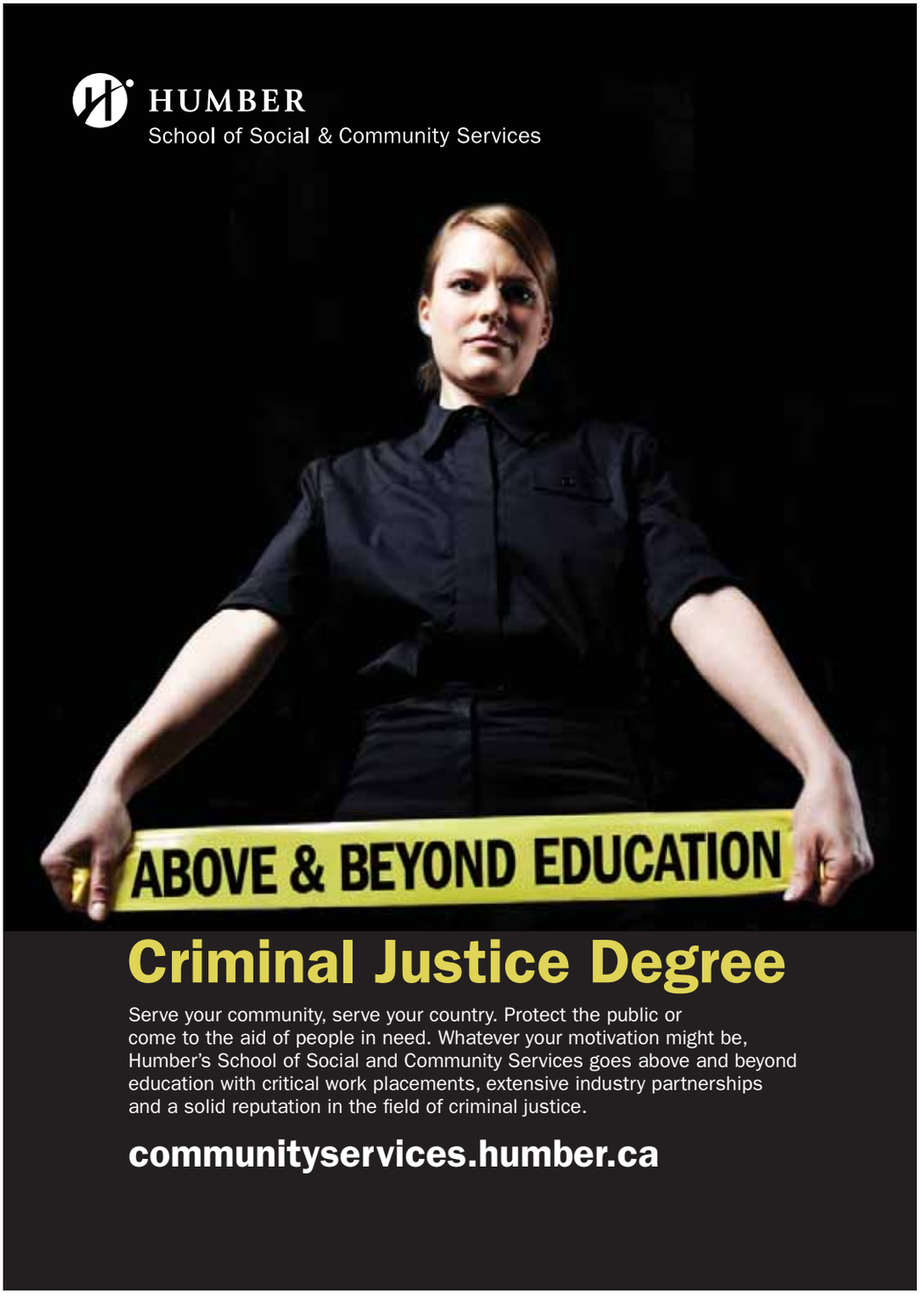
The agricultural industry is full of knowledgeable people wanting to share what they know. ISTOCK IMAGES

**Looking ahead**

**"There is a huge future in agriculture — you just have to find where your passion is and continue to drive in that direction."**
University of Guelph student Emily den Haan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# Talent will decide Jays roster: Gibbons

**MLB.** Manager says he will go with 'the best team' and not worry about red tape

Manager John Gibbons offered more proof of the Blue Jays' all-in approach to this season Tuesday, saying the team's final squad will be determined by talent rather than any roster red tape.

At times, some roster choices are made with an eye on whether a player has any options left, meaning he can be on the 40-man roster but move between the major and minor leagues without being placed on waivers.

A team might elect to keep such a player rather than risk losing him to another team by sending him down.

According to mlb.com, a player is assigned three options as a rostered player. Each year, when a player who is on the roster gets sent to the minor leagues for a stint of more than 20 days, it counts as an option.

Gibbons says those who perform well will stick with the big club. Of course, given Toronto's off-season acquisitions, there aren't too many roster questions to answer in pre-season.

"It's an important year for us," Gibbons told reporters. "So we're going to go with the best team.... In the past or it's a year where you don't know for sure, you're not as optimistic, you might want to try to hold onto some guys because they're out of options.

"This year we've got to go with the best team. I think he (GM Alex Anthopoulos) agrees with that, so some of those guys have got to perform."

The Jays have dug deep into their wallet this season, bringing in the likes of R.A. Dickey, Mark Buehrle, Josh Johnson, Melky Cabrera and Jose Reyes in a bid to challenge for the post-season.

Gibbons also revealed Tuesday that Brandon Morrow will start for the Jays in their spring training opener against Detroit in Lakeland, Fla., on Saturday.

Buehrle will then start Sunday in a split-squad game against the visiting Baltimore Orioles. J.A. Happ will start in the other split-squad game that day, in Tampa against the New York Yankees.

Either knuckleballer Dickey or Johnson will start Monday at home against a split Boston Red Sox squad.

Gibbons has already said Dickey, who went 20-6 and won the Cy Young Award last season with the New York Mets, will start opening day.

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Toronto Blue Jays manager John Gibbons looks on as pitcher R.A Dickey warms up in the bullpen in Dunedin, Fla., on Tuesday. Gibbons says those who perform well will stick with the big club. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Consultant

## *Quantrill rejoins Jays*

Paul Quantrill is back with the Toronto Blue Jays.

The former right-hander was named as a consultant to the organization Tuesday. The 44-year-old native of London spent six of his 14 major-league seasons with Toronto (1996-'01).

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Paul Quantrill with the Blue Jays in 1998. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL

## Alouettes hire Hawkins as coach

Once again, general manager Jim Popp went outside the box to find a head coach for the Montreal Alouettes.

On Tuesday, the CFL club hired Dan Hawkins to replace Marc Trestman, who was named the Chicago Bears head coach last month. Hawkins, 52, arrives in Montreal with no previous Canadian football coaching experience.

Hawkins spent the last two seasons as a college football analyst for ESPN and has served as the head coach at Boise State and Colorado. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dan Hawkins
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NHL

## Leafs, Red Wings to play in 2014 Winter Classic

It is all still very hush-hush, but the Maple Leafs and the Red Wings will indeed play next January in the NHL's next installment of the Winter Classic.

The Jan. 1 game was cancelled this year due to the lockout.

But Torstar News Service has learned the NHL is closing in on final talks with officials at the University of Michigan for use of its football stadium as well as the Detroit Tigers for use of Comerica Park for what would be a weeklong festival of hockey capped off by the NHL game.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Paralympics will weather storm: IPC Prez

Oscar Pistorius competes at the Paralympics in London on Sept. 5, 2012. Pistorius appeared in court Tuesday, the first part of a two-day bail hearing.
EMILIO MORENATTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

As Oscar Pistorius offered his first defence against a murder charge, the head of the Paralympics tried to reassure members Tuesday that the organization has a strong future even without its star athlete.

International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven told The Associated Press he has been in a state of "shock and disbelief" since Pistorius was charged with premeditated murder in last week's shooting of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

Pistorius enjoyed a record-breaking Paralympics last year and had been central to plans to maintain the momentum of disability sports. Now, he has pulled out of all future races.

The South African helped generate unprecedented interest in the Paralympics by becoming the first double amputee sprinter to compete at the Olympics. Craven wants to ensure the Paralympics' progress is not damaged by the fallout from Pistorius's case.

"Even since this tragedy happened, it's still been 'London, London, London' and what happened there — a unique moment in times that still continues in the hearts and minds of people."

Craven pointed to British sprinter Jonnie Peacock, who deposed Pistorius as 100-metre champion at the Paralympics, and Alan Oliveira, who took the 200 title in front of a crowd of some 80,000 in the London Olympic Stadium.

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**"We've got so many stars coming through that this will not be an issue."**

**International Paralympic Committee President Philip Craven** on the impact of Paralympic star athlete Oscar Pistorius being charged with murder

Milos Raonic is licking his chops over playing Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie against Italy at Vancouver's Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre, where he has won all of his Davis Cup singles matches. GETTY IMAGES FILE

# Raonic et al. headed back to Vancouver

**Tennis.** UBC will host Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie vs. Italy

Milos Raonic is looking forward to taking his big serve to UBC again for Canada's Davis Cup quarter-final tie against Italy in Vancouver.

The Doug Mitchell Thunderbird Sports Centre, named Tuesday as the venue, has been kind to the Canadian tennis squad, which upset Spain there earlier this month to advance to the World Group quarter-finals for the first time.

"I feel good about it," said Milos Raonic, Canada's top player, who is ranked 14th in the world. "I've personally played well there. I think we've played well as a team in the UBC arena."

The team for the April 5-7 best-of-five series against Italy will be chosen by captain Martin Laurendeau at a later date. But one thing is known already: Raonic will be tagged as Canada's top player.

Raonic feels confident at UBC, where he has won all of his Davis Cup singles matches. The hard court, laid over a cement floor, is conducive to his powerful serve, which reached speeds of 220-230 km/h against Spain.

The 22-year-old Thornhill native said he and his teammates are improving, so it's a good time to be on the Davis Cup team.

"We have a lot of faith that we can still achieve moving forward," Raonic said.

"And it's important to me because I know it's a big goal, Davis Cup, but I also know for ... the growth of tennis in Canada that Davis Cup is a platform that can't be matched with too many individual results as far as growing the sport." THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Possible addition**

**Canada's lineup could see one significant change against the Italians. Jesse Levine, a dual Canadian-American citizen who was born in Ottawa but grew up in Florida, is now eligible to play for Canada.**

**Soccer**

## Canadian women to get rematch vs. U.S.

Canada will renew its women's soccer rivalry with the United States later this year in Toronto.

The Americans will visit BMO Field on June 2 as the two teams face each other for the first time since their controversial semifinal at last summer's London Olympics.

Canadian star Christine Sinclair recorded a hat trick in the 4-3 extra-time loss in August.

After the game she lashed out at the officiating and was later slapped with a four-game suspension by FIFA.

Canada went on to beat France for the bronze. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 36 | 14 | .720 | — |
| New York | 32 | 18 | .640 | 4 |
| Indiana | 32 | 21 | .604 | 5½ |
| Brooklyn | 31 | 22 | .585 | 6½ |
| Chicago | 30 | 22 | .577 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 29 | 22 | .569 | 7½ |
| Boston | 28 | 24 | .538 | 9 |
| Milwaukee | 26 | 25 | .510 | 10½ |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 29 | .431 | 14½ |
| **Toronto** | **22** | **32** | **.407** | **16** |
| Detroit | 21 | 33 | .389 | 17 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 37 | .302 | 21½ |
| Washington | 15 | 37 | .288 | 22 |
| Orlando | 15 | 37 | .288 | 22 |
| Charlotte | 12 | 40 | .231 | 25 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Antonio | 42 | 12 | .778 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 39 | 14 | .736 | 2½ |
| L.A. Clippers | 39 | 17 | .696 | 4 |
| Memphis | 33 | 18 | .647 | 7½ |
| Denver | 33 | 21 | .611 | 9 |
| Golden State | 30 | 22 | .577 | 11 |
| Utah | 30 | 24 | .556 | 12 |
| Houston | 29 | 26 | .527 | 13½ |
| Portland | 25 | 28 | .472 | 16½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 25 | 29 | .463 | 17 |
| Dallas | 23 | 29 | .442 | 18 |
| Minnesota | 19 | 31 | .380 | 21 |
| New Orleans | 19 | 34 | .358 | 22½ |
| Sacramento | 19 | 35 | .352 | 23 |
| Phoenix | 17 | 36 | .321 | 24½ |

**Note:** division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
**Toronto 96** Washington 88
Charlotte at Orlando
Memphis at Detroit
Milwaukee at Brooklyn
Chicago at New Orleans
Boston at Denver
Golden State at Utah
Phoenix at Portland
San Antonio at Sacramento

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**
Memphis at **Toronto**, 7 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Houston, 8 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pittsburgh | 16 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 52 | 38 | 22 |
| New Jersey | 16 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 42 | 38 | 22 |
| NY Rangers | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 38 | 35 | 17 |
| Philadelphia | 17 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 45 | 49 | 15 |
| NY Islanders | 15 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 45 | 54 | 13 |

**NORTHEAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Montreal | 15 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 43 | 34 | 21 |
| Boston | 13 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 37 | 31 | 20 |
| Toronto | 16 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 46 | 36 | 20 |
| Ottawa | 16 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 37 | 31 | 18 |
| Buffalo | 16 | 6 | 9 | 1 | 46 | 54 | 13 |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 41 | 40 | 17 |
| Tampa Bay | 14 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 55 | 45 | 15 |
| Florida | 15 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 35 | 56 | 12 |
| Winnipeg | 14 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 35 | 46 | 11 |
| Washington | 15 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 41 | 51 | 11 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 15 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 51 | 31 | 27 |
| St. Louis | 15 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 52 | 48 | 19 |
| Nashville | 16 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 35 | 35 | 19 |
| Detroit | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 40 | 44 | 16 |
| Columbus | 16 | 4 | 10 | 2 | 36 | 51 | 10 |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Vancouver | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 41 | 33 | 19 |
| Minnesota | 15 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 33 | 38 | 16 |
| Edmonton | 14 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 35 | 38 | 15 |
| Colorado | 14 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 37 | 43 | 13 |
| Calgary | 14 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 39 | 51 | 13 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | GP | W | L | OL | GF | GA | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 53 | 39 | 25 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 44 | 41 | 18 |
| San Jose | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 33 | 17 |
| Dallas | 16 | 8 | 7 | 1 | 41 | 43 | 17 |
| Los Angeles | 13 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 30 | 36 | 12 |

**Note:** A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**
Montreal at NY Rangers
Winnipeg at Buffalo
NY Islanders at Ottawa
Toronto at Tampa Bay
San Jose at St. Louis
Detroit at Nashville
Vancouver at Chicago
Los Angeles at Edmonton

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
Philadelphia 7 NY Islanders 0
Colorado 6 Nashville 5
Montreal 3 Carolina 0
Toronto 3 Florida 0
Phoenix 4 Calgary 0
Anaheim 3 Columbus 2

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES — All Times Eastern**
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 10 p.m.

**THURSDAY'S GAMES**
Florida at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
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Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
NY Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

### SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | Pt |
|---|---|---|---|
| Vanek, Buf | 12 | 13 | 25 |
| Crosby, Phg | 7 | 17 | 24 |
| Kane, Chi | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Stamkos, TBL | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| St. Louis, TBL | 4 | 17 | 21 |
| Tavares, NYI | 11 | 9 | 20 |
| Zetterberg, Det | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| Elias, NJ | 4 | 15 | 19 |
| Kunitz, Phg | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| Ribeiro, Wash | 5 | 13 | 18 |
| Staal, Car | 8 | 9 | 17 |
| Moulson, NYI | 7 | 10 | 17 |
| Duchene, Col | 6 | 11 | 17 |
| Malkin, Phg | 3 | 14 | 17 |
| Clarkson, NJ | 10 | 6 | 16 |
| Datsyuk, Det | 7 | 9 | 16 |
| Marleau, SJ | 10 | 5 | 15 |
| Toews, Chi | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Lecavalier, TBL | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Kovalchuk, NJ | 5 | 10 | 15 |
| Gagner, Edm | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Selanne, Ana | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Purcell, TBL | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Steen, StL | 4 | 11 | 15 |
| Hall, Edm | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Voracek, Phi | 3 | 12 | 15 |
| Thornton, SJ | 3 | 12 | 15 |

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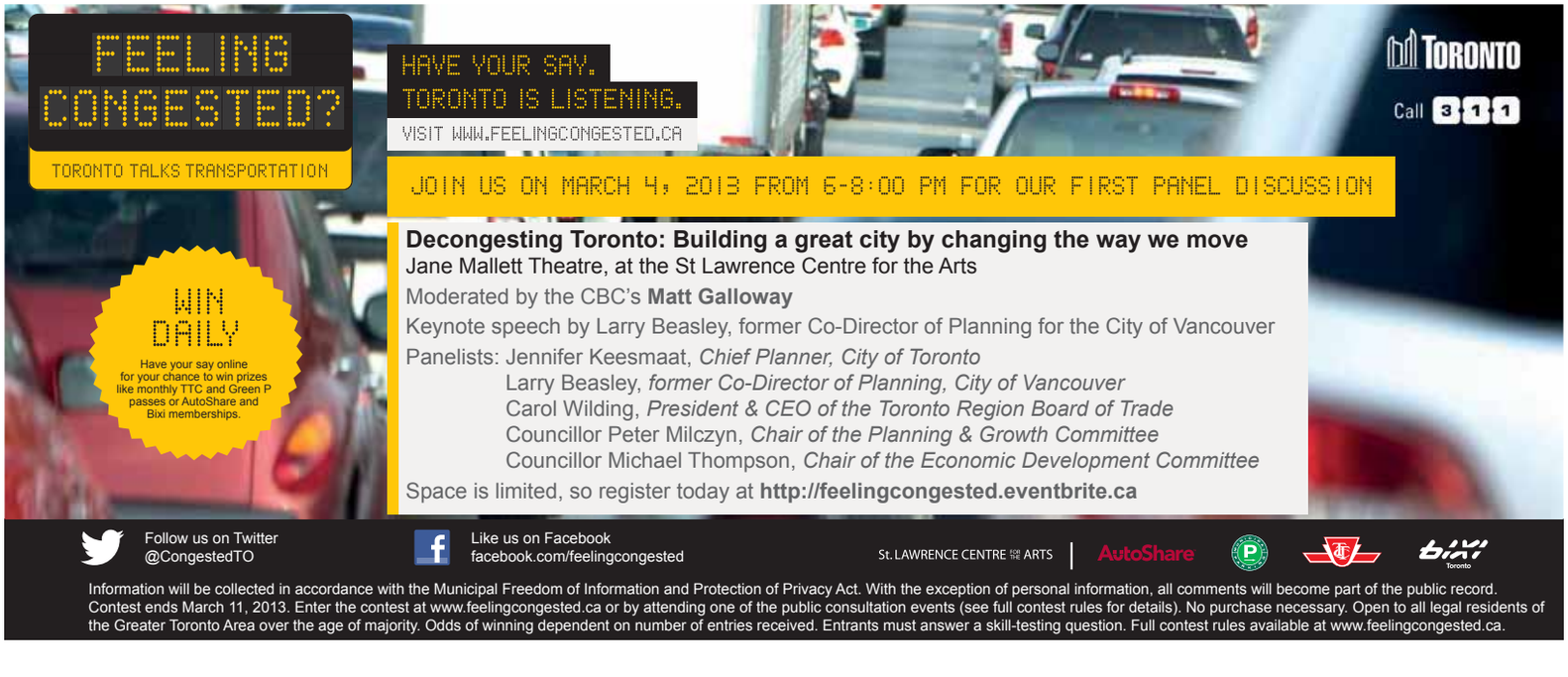
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# 2013 Ford Taurus SHO

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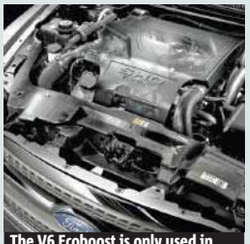
**Fuel economy**

Fuel economy isn't normally a top-of-mind issue for buyers of high-output sedans, but at least the SHO won't embarrass itself with a rating of 12.2 l/100 km in the city and 7.8 highway.

**2013 Ford Taurus SHO**

- **Type.** Four-door, all-wheel-drive full-size sedan
- **Engine (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic with paddle-shift controls
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $50,900



The V6 Ecoboost is only used in a few applications and performs great in the F-150 pickup, actually.

**Design**

All Taurus models display a restyled grille and lower air intake, with the SHO receiving the blacked-out mesh-style grille as well as a set of bright high-intensity-discharge headlamps. Other visual markers include a deck lid spoiler plus unique 19-inch wheels and front rotors.

**All wheel drive**

A major component of the SHO's performance content is its standard all-wheel-drive that kicks in when the car is driven in an aggressive manner, when it's cornering and when the weather turns nasty and surface grip is compromised.

**Review.** You could be excused for thinking the SHO is just another Taurus, but is this really a bad thing?

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Full-size sedans appeal to people requiring, or preferring, plenty of space for people and their gear. It's simple, really. The Ford Taurus SHO extends its appeal to drivers seeking a fast four-door with cat-like reflexes, regardless of road.

The SHO, which stands for Super High Output, has traveled a long way since its beginnings back in 1988 as a 220-horsepower sport sedan. Then, as now, the "show" (as it's pronounced) has never been a huge seller simply because it basically looks like any other Taurus. And with a price tag in the $50,000 range, it's $8,000 more than the best-equipped, regular-strength Taurus sedan that money can buy. Fifty large is also within range of the Boss 302 Mustang with its 444-horsepower 5.0-litre V8. That sort of muscle eclipses the SHO's twin-turbocharged 3.5-litre "EcoBoost" V6 with its 365 horsepower and 350 pound-feet of torque.

Still, the 1,980-kilogram 2013 SHO delivers respectable potency with an estimated zero-to-60-mph (96 km/h) time of 5.2 seconds. It also offers a level of genteel cruiser-class comfort for five adults that's inconceivable in the Mustang.

The SHO's V6 is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with steering-wheel-mounted paddle shifters.

Hidden from view are stiffer front springs and a beefed-up brake package highlighted by a larger master cylinder and front rotors. The electric power steering unit can been specifically calibrated to deliver plenty of feel and feedback for the driver.

Interestingly, much of the SHO-specific gear has been installed in the Taurus Police Package that replaces Ford's ancient (and now retired) Crown Victoria.

There's even more in store for buyers who opt for the Performance Package. Here, you get a sport-tuned suspension, upgraded brakes, an "extreme duty" cooling system, a higher numerical final drive ratio for snappier acceleration and 20-inch machined wheels with summer-specific performance tires.

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One of the three NSX prototypes built over the years. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

# NSX: New Sport Experimental

Against the competition of the day, the NSX excelled at design, engineering and fit and finish. It was one of the first cars to be built almost entirely of aluminum.

The 1991 interior remained basically unchanged through the NSX's initial 15-year run. Low tech now, but very functional and comfortable.

This is apparently just one direction the new NSX might go in when it comes to interior. Lots of carbon fibre and artful design.

**Dream Car.** 25 years apart, they're entirely different but share the same soul

JEFF MELNYCHUK
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As a young and eager automotive writer back in early September of 1990, I wasn't really sure what to expect when I rolled into the Acura dealership to see the shiny red NSX.

There were basically no "performance" cars in 1990, other than the Dodge Stealth Turbo, Nissan 300ZX and of course the Corvette ZR-1 and the Viper. Think about those cars as you consider the visual shock of the NSX.

The thing I recall most was how low the roof was and how long the tail was. It was like the reverse of the Corvette's proportions. Of course, that's because the engine was tucked in behind the driver, pushing the two-place cabin forward a whole bunch.

As low as it was, the NSX was easy to get into without the usual gymnastics required to crawl over the door sills of the Corvette. The interior was also very different in that the dash was low and away, the seats were tight, but comfortable, and the centre console swept down from the dashboard like a ski slope.

I had never seen anything like it, or driven anything like it. Most sporty cars in 1990 couldn't push past 5,000 revs per minute. The NSX's 270-horsepower V6 freely revved to 8,000, which was unheard of at the time. A V6? That had more horsepower than the Mustang and Camaro V8 engines? And to make it rev, the NSX was the first Honda/Acura production vehicle to use VTEC variable valve timing. It also had titanium connecting rods (employed 15 years later in the Corvette Z06) to hold it together.

You can drive an NSX three seasons of the year, with the right tires of course, and as far as you want without fear of not making it home. It's a terrific highway car and while it lacks when compared to today's high-performance wonders, especially in straight-line acceleration, the NSX is still one of the most pleasing cars there is and represents fantastic value. It's a bit raw and noisy by today's standards and provides thrilling views from its virtually unobstructed forward glass area. And the howl of the engine once it hits 5,000 rpm will give you goose bumps. It's like driving an enclosed motorcycle.

Through the years, Acura hinted at a replacement and despite a couple of concept cars, just never delivered. It has been eight years since the last NSX and with Japan now firmly on the supercar map with vehicles such as the Lexus LFA it seemed like a replacement was no longer of any strategic importance to Acura.

Perhaps all that on-again, off-again, on-again, off-again talk over the years had everyone so indifferent about an NSX return that when the current concept car arrived a year ago there was just as much excitement as for the arrival of the first NSX more than 20 years ago. Maybe it had to do with the TV commercials a year ago that featured Jay Leno and Jerry Seinfeld, but the excitement is most definitely back, and what a difference 20 years has made (25 by the time it actually arrives, likely in 2015).

The new NSX will keep its engine-in-the-back layout and its two-person limit, but it will also be one of the first all-wheel-drive hybrid supercars. The gasoline engine will be a V6, likely in the 3.5-litre range, that will be used for cruising down the highway because to be a supercar, the new NSX will have to have something a lot more "super" in a world of twin-turbocharged V8s. The last NSX could run zero-to-60-mph (96 km-h) in 4.8 seconds. The current Nissan GT-R can do it in 2.9.

The new NSX will compete using electric motors at the front and rear to aid the V6's acceleration. Performance details are non-existent as of this writing, but if the electric motors could add somewhere around 200 horsepower, the NSX will be in thick of things, likely competing with the likes of the Audi R8. Of course, in the two years it will take to get the NSX to market, the competition will also progress.

At the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., the NSX prototype reappeared, this time with an actual interior (the NSX prototype introduced in early 2012 had no interior), one example of how the NSX could be fitted, Acura said. Wrapped in carbon fibre, leather and metal bits, it's truly a cut above current sports cars in its expected price range of about $120,000-$140,000.

All this to ask the very real question: is there really a point to the new NSX. Well, yes. Acura needs its halo car back as an example of what its technically capable of. And, quite frankly, seeing the new car, I get the same goose bumps I had back in 1990. It's just a matter of time before I find one that's a few years old to park beside my original '91.

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**Lasting legacy**

**The NSX wasn't really a quick car, mostly because it had an insanely long second gear that could take you to 125 km/h.**

- It was light enough, though, at 1,400 kg, thanks to an aluminum body, chassis and suspension, which contributed to its impressive track times against much more powerful adversaries from Italy and Germany.
- It was significant not only for putting Japan on the map as a supercar maker, but for redefining supercar durability. It's also one of the reasons the modern Ferrari is as good a car as it is. Part of that had to do with then-Formula-One champ Ayrton Senna's input on the NSX program.

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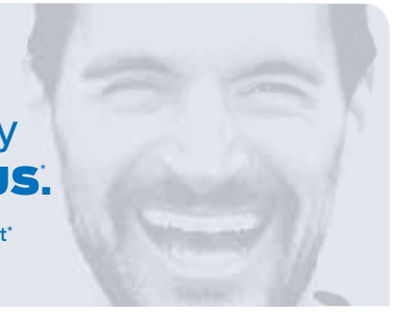

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# Tour of (water truck) duty

**Autoknow.** If the machine guns don't get you pulled over ...

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Sometimes with military vehicles, it's tough to guess the age. Believe it or not, but his one is 67 years old. ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE MEDIA

Have you ever been pulled over?

"No, not even with the machine guns..."

This isn't your typical classic vehicle story. That is unless your notion of "typical" involves camouflage paint, plenty of noise and, well, plenty of "ugly" as Bill Hebb puts it.

Speaking in a firm and elevated pitch so as to be heard over the howl of the gearbox, the wind and the rolling tire tread, Hebb, for whatever reason, seems to be enjoying the jostling and even the heat wafting up from the Chevrolet six-cylinder engine mounted just inches away from the hula-hoop-size wooden steering wheel. It's a convection oven in here.

Part boxy mechanical bulldog and part tool shed, many would consider this 1943 water-purification truck used in the Second World War to be a bit of a mutt, and certainly not as prominent or important as a Sherman battle tank or a P-51 Mustang fighter plane. However, you can't take one of those out for a leisurely cruise in/over the park on an overcast summer day like today, now can you.

No less significant, however, this water truck was one of thousands of support vehicles needed to keep allied troops advancing. Today, they're just as rare as any tank or fighter plane and just as rare is a person who takes pride in preserving them.

"There are not a whole lot of water-purification units around. I've only been able to find three so far," says Hebb.

Drinkable water is as significant as food, fuel and ammunition during a time of war, and water-purification trucks had a simple, but key duty to perform. Drive up to a river or pond, drop in a hose and start filling the 1,000-litre tank. The water courses through a filtration system, a little chlorine is added — not for flavour, but to kill bacteria — and, voila, drinkable water at the on board taps for the troops.

It's a slice of 1943, with the only thing added to the truck being detachable turn signals to keep it legal for the street today.

"Everything on this truck works."

But that's not much, really. There are no power accessories — of any kind — which means less to break down in the battlefield. There's nothing on it that isn't needed.

Hebb's enthusiasm for the vehicle is contagious, just as it would be if anyone else was talking about an old Thunderbird or a Corvette. These cars were all over the streets of North America, so the affection is easy to understand. But what's the attraction to a water truck?

Bill Hebb has been restoring military vehicles since the 1980s. His latest acquisition actually belongs to his wife.

After leaving the Canadian army about 25 years ago, Hebb picked up an old military Jeep, which he worked on and eventually sold for a "ridiculous amount of money."

Other vehicles came and went as Hebb became somewhat of a guru of old military hardware. And when the water-purification truck came up for sale, it was an easy decision, sort of.

"I didn't really want the vehicle, but the price was right and after awhile it really grew on me."

Since then, the truck has come into its own as a fascinating piece of history, especially considering how rare it is. But that doesn't make tracking down details a simple task.

"Getting information is not easy."

And people dedicated to the preservation of military vehicles don't exactly grow on trees either, but they would appear to travel in pairs at least.

"I'm very lucky, because my wife Lisa, she really does enjoy it. She drives this in parades," says Hebb.

Where will it end?

"It's never your last one, it keeps growing and growing."

## All in the details

- The inside consists of sharp metal corners and one wooden steering wheel — and that's it. It's been compared by some to driving a blender from the inside.

You can't really tell that this is water truck and that's exactly the point. According to owner Bill Hebb, without the canvas, the German military thought they were fuel trucks and began targeting them. "The canvas's sole purpose was camouflage."

- When travelling in convoys in the dark, owner Bill Hebb says that a small light mounted about the rear differential gave the drivers following a point of reference.

- The truck is a fascinating example of minimalist practicality, from the mechanical shock absorbers to the pop-out front windows and the square roof hatch that helps the driver see over a crest in the road.

- Undo the white lug nuts and you can take off the wheel. Undo the red lug nuts and the wheel separates so you can replace a tire in the field. Under no circumstances do you want to mix up the two.

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# It's buyer beware for used Cherokees with modifications

**Second Gear.**
2006-2010 Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8

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Chrysler's SRT team worked their magic on the Grand Cherokee for the 2006 model year, creating a fire-breathing SUV that would become the best-selling SRT8 model yet. With room for a family and its things, a 6.1 litre, 425-horsepower V8 engine and all-wheel drive, it was a hot-rod sport-ute that drivers could use all year round. All models got a five-speed automatic transmission with manual mode.

And, best of all, unlike models from across the pond, this HEMI-powered monstrosity didn't require parting with an appendage to own.

### Common Issues

First-generation Grand Cherokee SRT8 shoppers are advised to scrutinize the condition of consumable parts like brakes, tires and suspension, and have the vehicle's underside checked for signs of damage or leakage. Checking service records is also advised. Be sure the seller isn't trying to pass off a unit that's wearing a set of fried tires and brake pads.

Be cautious of any model that's fitted with upgrades beyond simple intake and exhaust modifications. Note that some modifications may adversely affect reliability, warranty coverage and even be illegal.

Have a mechanic inspect the transfer case for signs of leakage, which could indicate a bad seal. Look for any check-engine lights that may be illuminated, and be sure to triple-check the air conditioning system for proper operation, too.

The presence of "groaning"or "grinding" sounds from the rear of the vehicle during turning could indicate a worn-out or damaged rear differential. Clunking or popping sound from beneath the vehicle when driving over bumps could indicate a worn-out suspension component.

### What to look for

Look for upgraded Brembo brakes and suspension, wheels and tires and a variety of track-ready improvements. Forget taking this Jeep in the dirt though — it's lowered suspension and front air-dam wouldn't approve. Feature content included heated leather, navigation, premium audio, a sunroof and plenty more.

### What owners like

Most Grand Cherokee SRT8 owners rave about crushing performance, looks, sound effects and year-round operation combined with everyday flexible utility. Obviously, passing power, acceleration and braking performance are highly rated.

### What owners dislike

Fuel consumption, limited rear-seat space and a sometimes-rough ride are among the most common complaints of the Grand Cherokee SRT8. Additionally, some wish for a more "upscale" interior feel, though a mid-cycle refresh of the Grand Cherokee did fit some additional premium materials to address this concern.

### Verdict

Seek out a Grand Cherokee SRT8 that hasn't been abused and neglected, and you can expect a reliable and affordable way to access world-class family SUV performance.

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"Properly inflated tires provide even ground contact which prevents your tires from wearing disproportionately and reduces rolling resistance meaning lower fuel consumption," explains tire expert Bill Hume, vice-president of Hankook Tire Canada.

### Why is tire pressure so important?

**"Properly inflated tires provide even ground contact, which prevents your tires from wearing disproportionately and reduces rolling resistance meaning lower fuel consumption."**
Bill Hume, vice president, Hanook Tire Canada

"The improved fuel economy could save you up to two weeks' worth of pump costs per year."

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• Over-inflated tires are more susceptible to damage and can lead to a harsher, bumpier ride, while under-inflation can increase wear and create drag. A quick visual check may seem tempting; however, tires can be under-inflated by 20 per cent and still look perfect.

• Keeping tire pressure basics in mind is the first step towards maintaining vehicle performance and enjoying a safe ride.

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# Diesel flag keeps flying high

**Auto Pilot.** Car companies betting on Canadians' love of diesel, despite our neighbours' reservations

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Ried Bigland, Chrysler Canada president, at the Toronto auto show with the new 2013 Ram Heavy Duty packing the 6.7-litre Cummins diesel engine. Bigland announced that the light-duty Ram 1500 pickups will also get diesel option for 2014 — a 3.0-litre V6 made by its Italian partners, VM Motori. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

You can feel the current swirling around your rubber boots — the ones with the little ducks on them. Each successive auto show yields another announcement about another diesel entry.

In December at the L.A. auto show, we learned that Mazda6 will eventually have a 2.2-litre diesel option, and that Audi will be adding four new diesel variations to its lineup. Audi Q7 can already be optioned with a TDI, and now the TDI joy spreads to A6, A7, A8 and Q5.

At Detroit in January, Chrysler announced its revitalized 2014 Grand Cherokee will get a diesel — a 3.0-litre V6 developed and manufactured by Fiat's long-term supplier, VM Motori.

A few weeks later in Chicago, GM announced Chevrolet Cruise would join the diesel party.

And now we come to the auto show on this week in Toronto. At a press conference at the show last Thursday, Chrysler said its Ram 1500 pickup would also get that 3.0-litre V6 destined for the Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Of course, all these new diesel vehicles will join those already in the Canadian market by diesel zealots Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen and BMW.

The interesting thing about this last batch of diesel announcements is they concern more mainstream, high-volume segments, like compact car, light-duty truck, and mid-size crossover. With the noticeable exception of Volkswagen Jetta and Golf diesels, the German manufacturers have been flying the diesel flag at lofty levels — basically as a premium option in an already premium nameplate.

At the Toronto show I ran into auto industry analyst Denis DesRosiers, who believes the big diesel shift in this country will come when one of the manufacturers is prepared to — or is able to — offer a diesel in or around $20,000.

Right now, diesel seems to be about a $7,000 to $10,000 option, depending on the model. Not only are diesels engines more complicated, they often require beefier transmissions to handle their increased torque. And, they're typically offered on more upscale trim levels, pushing their MSRPs even higher.

If we get diesels down into cheaper segments and on cheaper trim lines, then we'll get somewhere. According to DesRosiers, Canadians are already in love with diesels.

And what's not to love? Their increased torque translates to great every day driving experiences. They have huge range. They last forever and offer great resale potential. They're even "green" — though increased emission regulations will push the technology, and keep their prices comparatively high.

Americans still harbour misconceptions about diesels. Specifically that diesels are smelly and noisy, and that diesel fuel itself is in short supply and hard to find. You might even have to fight with truckers at truck stops to get your share!

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# Keeping your eyes on the road

**Driving Force.**
Hyundai introduces eye-tracking and 3D tech in concept vehicle

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The Hyundai HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. HANDOUT

**More details**

- Although the system works with hand gestures, the driver has to initiate the sequence with a button, which prevents unintended operation.
- Hyundai plans to eventually offer the system in some of its premium models in the future.

The safest way to drive is with your eyes on the road, of course. Still, that isn't always easy to do when there are numerous controls that you have to adjust for the climate, stereo and other functions.

Hyundai thinks it may have the answer with a new system that uses eye-tracking and 3D technology to handle some of the car's functions. The technology has been demonstrated in the company's HCD-14 Genesis concept vehicle, but there's no timeline on when it might be available in production vehicles.

"Premium vehicles have (numerous) buttons, knobs, dials and switches, and it's overwhelming," says Michael Ricciuto, national manager of product and strategic planning for Hyundai Canada. "We want to simplify it so that customers get the full benefit of functionality, but with their eyes primarily on driving."

The design shown in the concept car has no centre stack, and there are no buttons or knobs on the dash. When the driver wants to control a function, he first presses a button on the steering wheel, which activates the system.

A small head's-up display shows up on the lower part of the windshield, with icons for each of the car's various systems. When the driver looks at the one he wants, several small cameras track his eye movements and determine which one to select.

From there, the driver puts his hand in front of a sensor area near the console and make a gesture to control the function, such as turning the wrist, which will adjust the stereo's volume or fan speed, or a motion to select a radio station or turn on the heated seats. The system can be used for navigation controls, or for smartphone connectivity functions.

"It has to be simple and natural," Ricciuto says. "You look at the icon, turn it on with your eyes, and away you go, and that's the fundamentals of how it will work. We're preparing for the next generation of controlling a car. We can say people should turn off their devices and drive, but the reality is that won't happen, so these are the technologies we think will make it simpler and more intuitive."

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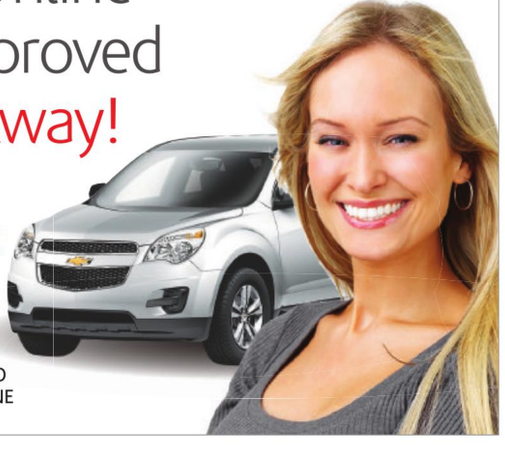

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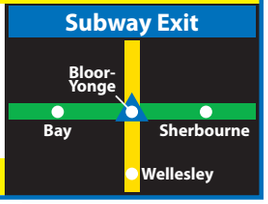


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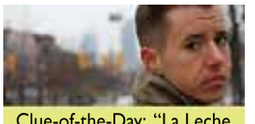

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
You may not like making sacrifices but deep down you know that something has to go. This is the ideal time for a clear-out — be it physical, mental or emotional. Get your broom and sweep away those cobwebs.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Challenges of one kind or another have been met and overcome, and now you know you can compete on equal terms your confidence will soar. Today, however, you need to cooperate a bit more and compete a bit less.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
This is a good time to extend your education in some way. If there is a particular topic that intrigues you then find out all you can about it. What you learn will be useful to you in the months ahead.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
The Sun in sympathetic Pisces encourages you to look further afield for the answers you seek. In some way or other you will be on the move today — and you'll discover things that few people know about.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Don't gamble with what you own and earn. You may be tempted to take some kind of financial risk, with the promise of big rewards if it goes the right way. But what if it doesn't? You cannot afford to take the chance.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
Friends will do anything for you today — all you have to do is ask. But before you do, bear in mind that you should not take their goodwill for granted. The best friend is the one who doesn't expect too much.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
A certain task that looked so difficult a short while ago now looks incredibly easy. So what are you waiting for? Get on with it. You may surprise yourself how easily you make a success of it.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
The Sun in your fellow Water sign of Pisces not only fills your heart with joy but fills your mind with all sorts of creative ideas. What you do next is up to you but do something — and make it amazing.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
It may seem as if the world is against you but it's not remotely true. In fact, you'll realize you have friends in all directions if you only look on the bright side and stop entertaining negative thoughts.

### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
It is important that you know who among your friends and relatives can be trusted because if you confide in the wrong person today, the results could be disastrous. But confide you must. Don't keep your feelings to yourself.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
An issue that has been causing you sleepless nights will resolve itself over the next 24 hours, much to your relief. Next time, try not to take this kind of situation so seriously. Time heals all wounds — be they real or imagined.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
You know what needs to be done today, so get on and do it. The earlier you get busy, the quicker you will get through your chores and the more time you will have to do fun things with others this evening.

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## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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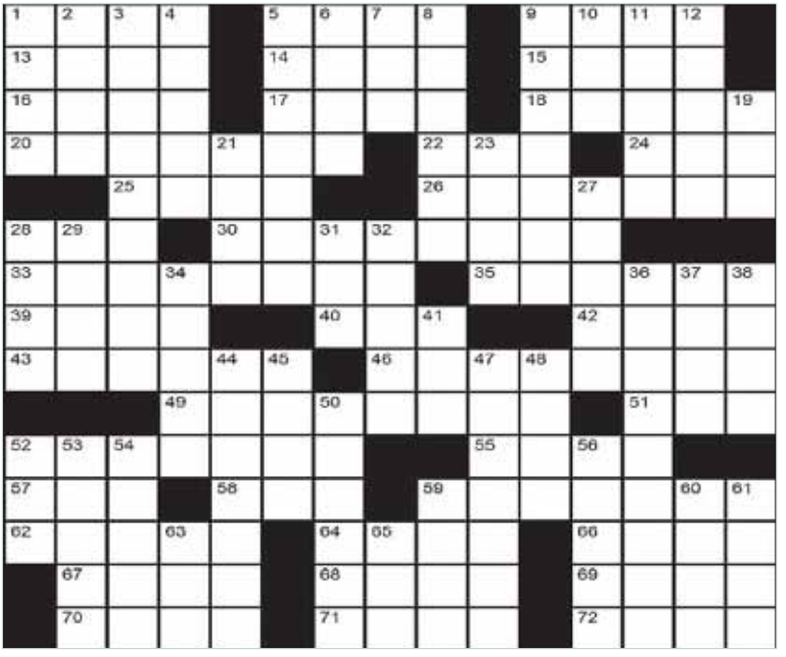
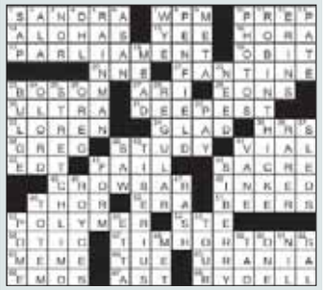


**Across**
1. The __ Awards (Overseas Grammy equivalents)
5. Canada Goose monument site in Ontario
9. Capricorn, for one
13. Baroque painter, Guido __
14. Business person, briefly
15. Mr. Aoki (World Golf Hall of Famer)
16. Prefix to 'gon' (Eight-sided shape)
17. Mr. Baldwin
18. The __ MacNeils (Celtic band from Cape Breton)
20. Super clean and sanitary
22. 'Computer' suffix (Tech jargon)
24. "__, humbug!"
25. Tirade
26. Sentence enders.
28. UK military fliers
30. Best Actress nominee Jessica for "Zero Dark Thirty"
33. February's birthstone
35. Oscar-winning actress Marlee
39. But, in Spanish
40. Villain's chuckle, when repeated
42. Reign
43. Peace talks agreement
46. Folk music instrument
49. Oscar-winning Canadian actress Marie of "Min and Bill" (1930)
51. Dubai's locale [acronym]
52. Type of blouse or skirt
55. Audacity
57. Engine starter [abbr.]
58. Tel Aviv, __.
59. Oscar-winning film, "The English __" (1996)
62. Jaleel White's "Family Matters" role
64. Make film cuts
66. Type of duck
67. Gen. Robert _. __
68. Feminizing suffix
69. Actress Ms. Collette
70. The Yukon, e.g.
71. Free ticket
72. Nylons nick

**Down**
1. Warner __. (Film studio)
2. Prefix with 'angle'
3. Meddle
4. Heiress' headdress
5. Rich
6. Wheel shaft
7. Small
8. Take
9. Remote region of Russia
10. Old Testament book, for short
11. Screen legend Greta
12. U.S.-Canadian airspace protection org.
19. Sighed sounds
21. Move along slowly
23. Crease
27. Li'l lead-in
28. Transfixed
29. USA part, for short
31. Fireplace residue
32. Flower parts
34. Some amphibians
36. Yoga wear company founded in 1998 in Vancouver
37. Figure skater Mr. Kulik
38. Ms. Leakes of reality TV
41. "Shallow __" (2001)
44. Nova Scotia-based comedy of 2001 to 2008, "__ Park Boys"
45. Hankerings
47. Invalidates
48. "Shoot!"
50. Meryl of multi-Oscars
52. More, in music
53. White-plumed heron
54. Foot-to-leg connector
56. Enumerates
59. Brooches
60. "99 Luftballons": 1980s hit for who?
61. Baby branch
63. 'Ballad' suffix
65. CSI evidence

## Yesterday's Crossword



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**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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| | 1 | 8 | | | 9 | | 3 | |
| 9 | | 1 | | | | | | 6 |
| 8 | | | 5 | | | | | |
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### Yesterday's Sudoku

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| 8 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| 7 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 6 |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
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